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FURY OVER CLUB'S DERELICT FORMER GROUND 'LEFT TO ROT'



The pitch at the derelict ground. Has the grass been cut?

AN HISTORIC former football ground is being left to rot by the council, it is claimed, with demands for it to be kicked back into life. Walsall Council's lack of action over the former Darlaston Town Football Club ground has been branded 'a disgrace' as it remains unresolved four years on.

The ground in Waverley Road, has been boarded up since 2013 when the then club folded and Walsall Council took over the site.

But the site remains derelict despite at least three different organisations having stated an interest in taking it over. On top

of this, it is alleged the council is still cutting the grass at the site.

A livid councillor Doug James, who represents Darlaston, has vowed to call a public meeting to get to the bottom of the situation.

Ridiculous

He said: "There are three groups interested in taking over the site – a local football club, Darlaston ATC and a youth group – but Walsall Council does not seem interested.

"We have got a ridiculous situation where the site is completely derelict and left to ruin

but Walsall Council is still cutting the grass. It is a complete waste of taxpayers' money.

"We have young people who are coming up to a six-week holiday soon and we have got this fabulous green area that they can't use because it is being left to rot. It is an absolute shambles, a disgrace.

A council spokesman said it was still 'proceeding with the demolition' of stands and the council would then be 'reviewing its options with regard to future uses for the site'.

The council declined to comment on the grass cutting issue.

SADDLERS

Legend Marsh, 47, tells of heart scare

FORMER Saddlers star Chris Marsh has revealed he could have suffered a heart attack after being struck down with an undiagnosed brain haemorrhage.



Chris Marsh

Chris, aged 47, who played more than 450 times for Walsall, ended up in bed for three days with what he thought was flu at Christmas. He went to a clinic, with his wife who got a nurse to take his blood pressure, after waiting for two hours. It was 248/160. Chris said: "The doctor said I could have a heart attack at any minute." Then he was rushed into intensive care. He has thanked Walsall fans for their support.

HEALTH

Hospital fined for ambulance delays

MORE than 100 ambulance transfer breaches were recorded in a month at Walsall Manor leading to a hefty fine for hospital bosses.

The emergency department continues to struggle with processing patients within the required 30 minutes.

According to the latest figures, in April there were 104 transfers – four per cent of the 2,597 total – that took longer than 30 minutes, including 11 which took longer than an hour. The failings resulted in a fine of £31,800.

PLANNING

Firm pulls out of apartments plan

PLANS to build new apartments on land near a pub have been withdrawn.

In June 2016, NewRiver Property had submitted plans to build 12 apartments on land to the rear of the United Kingdom Inn on Bloxwich Road, Willenhall.

The developers said that the 'scrubland' where the apartments would have been built had a 'history of fly-tipping' and that they were looking to use it for housing.

However, the plans have now been withdrawn by the company and will not go ahead.

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TOWN RALLIES TO SAVE PARADE

AN appeal to save an under-threat Remembrance Day parade has been given a much-needed cash injection – with organisers now almost hitting their target.

The Short Heath Save The Parade group in Willenhall needed to find £4,000 after some of the funding to close the roads was withdrawn by West Midlands Police.

Last year West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner David Jamieson teamed up with Walsall Council to cover costs for the parade. This year the council will again contribute 30 per cent of traffic management costs – up to £1,000 – but the community must find the rest.

The save the parade group has been working with the Short Heath British Legion to try to make up the missing funds for this year's parade and has won the support of the local community.

Vice-chairman Barry Hindley said: "The Nisa store on Stroud Avenue in Willenhall has been helping us a lot. The shopkeeper there put us in touch with the Nisa head office in Scunthorpe and they donated £1,000."

A number of different charity events have also taken place to help raise the money.

The group organised a concert by the Short Heath Singers, which was held at Short Heath Methodist Church on Saturday and raised £750.

The Whimsey Inn in Lane Head, Short Heath, is also helping towards the costs, with more than £2,000 raised by bosses in recent months towards costs.

The pub held a fun day with numerous activities such as stalls, tombola and skittles.

The parade will go through Church Road in Short Heath and down to the Lane Head memorial



Delighted fundraisers

cenotaph. Mr Hindley said: "The support from the public has just been absolutely fantastic.

"I think that it is wrong that we are having to pay to honour our brave soldiers but we are doing a good job so far.

"We are well on the way towards paying for this year and any more we raise will go towards next year's costs."

In a statement, Walsall Council said: "In December 2016, Walsall's Cabinet agreed to put in place a financial contribution toward traffic management costs at Remembrance Sunday Parades for 2017, 2018 and 2019.

"A financial contribution of 30 per cent of traffic management costs up to a cap per parade of £1,000 was agreed in order to give event organisers some certainty over the next three years."

Anyone who can help is asked to call Mr Hindley on 07514778187.

Brave Isabella's message in a bottle boost

A SCHOOLGIRL fighting cancer had a huge surprise when she got a response after chucking a message in a bottle out to sea. Isabella Lyttle, who turned 10 on Monday, has the rare and aggressive form of cancer neuroblastoma – and has relapsed three times after first being diagnosed when she was three.

During a trip to Southampton Hospital, the youngster and her family visited Bournemouth and wrote a message in a bottle before flinging it into the depths of the English Channel.

But little did she know, it washed up just an hour away in nearby Swanage, Dorset, and she returned to Rushall with an email from the couple who found it.

Isabella's mum Jennie Dalton, aged 40, said: "She was delighted to get a response. We had to go down to Southampton to meet a doctor and she asked us to go to Bournemouth as a little break, and said "I want to put a message in a bottle".

"She wrote her email address down and threw it in the water. As soon as she got home she got an email from a couple who had found it. They replied and I thanked them and told them about the fundraising we're doing."

Isabella was first diagnosed in 2010 aged three, she has undergone chemotherapy, radiotherapy and stem cell surgery.

The family have launched a huge fundraising campaign to raise £200,000 to take her to America to receive treatment in case the current treatment she is receiving isn't successful. Mum Jennie hopes the people of Walsall will get behind the campaign much like they have done with Bradley Lowery in Sunderland, who has the same illness as Isabella.

To find out more about her story and to donate to the fundraising page go to www.facebook.com/isabellaneuroblastomajourney



Isabella, who threw a message in a bottle into the English Channel



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Trampoline centre bounces back



Back open at Jump In

A REFURBISHED indoor trampoline centre has reopened in the Black Country.Jump In Trampoline Arena in Walsall swung open its doors at Bentley Mill Way on Wednesday.

The site has been open for a year as a trampoline park known as Jump Nation. But after Jump Nation was bought out by Jump In the centre underwent an extensive refurbishment.

The refurbishment started on April 26 and finished last Tuesday.

Among some of the changes people will see is a new party floor, new big beam and a special area for toddlers.

Sammy Burgess, aged 23, one of the

managers at the site, said she was ‘absolutely delighted’ the site had reopened with the improvements made.

She said: “Obviously we ran it for a year before Jump In took over Jump Nation. Now we have got new exciting features and the centre is much more customer-friendly. For example we now have an area where parents can watch their children jumping, something that was not possible before.

“Other new features we have included are a new party floor, where previously we just had party rooms, a brand new big foam tip, two extra long tumble tracks for people to show off their skills

on and a brand new toddler area. The toddler area is for children under five so they do not get mixed up with the older children.

“There are special toys in there and a foam pit.” Of Wednesday’s official launch, Sammy added: “We had a lot of walk-ins, it was a good turnout.” Jump In, which describes itself as the UK’s fastest growing trampoline arena operator, took over the Jump Nation site in March. The acquisition came just two months after it launched its latest site in Enfield, London. Bosses hope the 25,000 square foot Walsall site is the most accessible in the Black Country.

£25k reward offered following bank raid

A £25,000 reward has been offered by bank bosses after a robber tied up staff before fleeing with cash.

Police said the raider gained entry to Lloyds Bank in High Street, Aldridge, as workers opened up for the day at 8.30am last Tuesday.

West Midlands Police detectives believe two people may have been involved in the robbery – one acting as a lookout. A large quantity of cash was stolen.

The branch, which was closed on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, reopened on Friday.

A Lloyds Bank spokesperson said: “We can confirm there was an incident at the Aldridge High Street branch on Tuesday.

“Police are currently investigating and we are assisting with their inquiries. No customers or members of staff were hurt in the incident.”

A reward of £25,000 has now been offered by bank bosses to anyone with information leading to the arrest of the offenders.

Threatened

It comes after three men threatened staff with machetes during an attempted robbery at Barclays just two doors down from Lloyds in November.

The men spent just one minute in the building after ramming the front window with a van and then fleeing empty-handed.

Councillor John Murray, who represents the Aldridge Central and South, said it was ‘shocking’ that two bank raids had taken place in such a short space of time.

“I am relieved that there was no-one injured,” he added. “But nonetheless it is a despicable crime. For a small place in Aldridge its the kind of thing you expect me to happen once in a lifetime. It is a good thing there is a reward on offer and we just hope someone who knows something will come forward.”

Michael Cooper, aged 52, from Aldridge, said: “It is worrying for us as the public because of what happened to the staff. It is scary to think what might have happened if it was busy.”

Anyone with information on the Lloyds bank raid is being urged to call West Midlands Police on 101 quoting 20ws/112429Z/17

Pupils Poppin with a new twist



Joshua Youster, 10, Ava Cattell, eight, Olivia Gannon, 16, as Mary Poppins and Becky Macey, 19, from Dance City

THE classic tale of Mary Poppins was given a new twist by a group of talented young Black Country dancers. Dancers from Dance City, based at Northgate Way, Aldridge, gave two sell out shows at the Prince of Wales Theatre in Cannock to mark the end of months of hard work in practice.

The dance school, run by Tracey Dicken, aged 36, from Aldridge, only puts on shows like this once every two years, focusing on putting pupils through exams for the vast majority of their time.

However, the chance to take their talents out in front of a large crowd brought out the best in pupils. Ms Dicken said: “We had a great time at the Prince of Wales, selling out was a real achievement for us, especially doing it twice in one day.

“The theme of the show was Mary Poppins but we brought it to life with performances in styles such as tap, Irish, street dancing and more.

“It was a beautiful showcase of our talented dancers’ work.”

The school is now looking for dancers to join it after having to refuse new recruits for a couple of months as they prepared for the Mary Poppins showcase on May 20.

Ms Dicken said: “I would encourage any young person to take up dancing as it teaches them so much on the social side. They learn about confidence, discipline and respect as well as giving them a chance to express their talent.”

For details on Dance City, call 01922 740999 after June 5 or email tracey_dancecity@hotmail.co.uk

Women get fined after fly-tipping



One of the incidents of fly-tipping

A WOMAN has been prosecuted for breaching environmental laws after the men she paid to take away her rubbish just dumped it in a lane in Essington.

Nicola Chambers, from Wolverhampton, failed in her duty of care to make proper checks that the men who offered to take away and dispose of her waste for £10 were licensed to do so. Chambers was given an £80 fine and ordered to pay a £30 victim surcharge and told to pay costs of £814.90 after her waste was found dumped in Blackhalve Lane in Essington. She was prosecuted by South Staffordshire Council and pleaded guilty at the North Staffordshire Justice Centre on Monday. Also pleading guilty to breaching environmental laws was Bushra Bi from Birmingham. She failed in her duty of care to make proper checks after paying men, who were doing gardening, to take away her waste and dispose of it.

The men were not authorised collectors and the waste was fly-tipped in Middle Lane in Oaken. Bi, was fined £90 and ordered to pay a victim surcharge of £30 and contribute £500 to costs.

Two admit fake death plot con

A MOTHER and her son admitted plotting to fake her own death in Zanzibar to claim a £140,000 life insurance pay-out. Arafat Nassib, aged 48, of Lower Rushall Street, Walsall and her 18-year-old son Adil Kasim admitted conspiring to commit fraud against Scottish Widows

Yusuf Abdullah, 24, of the same address, pleaded not guilty at court.

The three were granted unconditional bail until July 12, when Nassib and Kasim, of Lower Rushall Street, Walsall, will be sentenced, while the case against Abdullah will also be mentioned during the course of that day.

City of London Police brought charges against the three during last month after an inquiry into allegations Nassib had died during an accident that happened in Zanzibar.

Pupil pulls in the cash for charity

A STUDENT has raised £250 for charity by taking part in the Race For Life while pushing her aunty in a wheelchair.

Holly Hopkinson, a year nine pupil at Wolgarston High School in Penkridge, took on the challenge at Walsall Arboretum.



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Transport changes on track with stations bid

RAILWAY stations could be opened in Willenhall and Darlaston, plus a Metro connection to Stourbridge, are among the proposals being commented on in a public consultation which ended on Tuesday.

The six-week public consultation on the Draft 2026 Delivery Plan for Transport is part of a plan for growth by the West Midlands Combined Authority. The authority predicts there will be 1.2million extra journeys every day by 2035 – and bosses want to not only ease congestion but also ensure air quality.

Rail travel across the region continues to increase, going up 70 per cent over the past 10 years. And as part of the delivery plan, new stations are being proposed, including Willenhall and Darlaston.

The rail station at Darlaston, previously known as Darlaston James Bridge railway station, was part of the line but closed in 1965 along with the line. Willenhall shut in 1965 when the line between Wolverhampton and Walsall was closed to passengers.

The consultation also features Metro routes. It states the extension from Wednesbury to Brierley Hill is already 'committed' with work expected to start next year.

But it also signals schemes to be investigated over the next 10 years, including a line from Wednesbury to Walsall, and Brierley Hill to Stourbridge.

In addition, the consultation is also looking at increasing the speed of buses in the region by introducing more Sprint routes. Two routes already operate – Quinton to Birmingham, and Birmingham to Airport and Solihull – and they benefit from dedicated priority at key junctions.

One of the routes proposed is for the Hagley Road, from Dudley to Birmingham.

Inspection offers 'chance to shine'

STAFF at Walsall Manor Hospital have been told to take their 'chance to shine' at an upcoming CQC inspection. The Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust which runs the hospital was placed into special measures in January 2016 after inspectors declared it was 'inadequate' overall.

Chief executive Richard Kirby says the trust is expecting its next inspection 'in the near future' and has urged staff to showcase improvements made in the last 18 months when the moment arrives. He said: "We are working hard to ensure that teams across the Trust are prepared for the CQC inspection that we expect in the near future. The Provider Information Return requested by the CQC has now been submitted including the self-assessment that we finalised as a board after our discussions on May 17.

"The key message to our staff at this stage is that the inspection provides their chance to shine."

Dame Mo steps down as superhead



New role, Dame Maureen Brennan

A CONTROVERSIAL superhead from the Black Country has stepped down from her school principal role, it has been announced.

Dame Maureen Brennan has left her position as headteacher of Barr Beacon School in Walsall and been replaced by Lynsey Draycott.

But Dame Maureen will still be involved at the school as she has now been appointed as chief executive officer of the Matrix Academy Trust – which runs Barr Beacon, Bloxwich Academy, Etone College in Nuneaton and the Dame Elizabeth Cadbury

School in Birmingham. The move was confirmed in a school newsletter, which featured a statement from the Academy Trust's chairman of directors. The statement from Jeremy Bench confirming Dame Maureen's move said: "The directors of the Trust and the school's Governance Advisory Board are delighted Mrs Draycott has accepted the headship of Barr Beacon School to enable Dame Maureen Brennan to be appointed as chief executive officer of the Trust.

"This change of headship will be seamless to ensure that there is con-

sistency of leadership and maintenance of the ethos and values that have made Barr Beacon such a great school.

"I am sure that the next 10 years will be as successful as the last 10. I know that Barr Beacon School will go from strength to strength." Dame Maureen is one of the highest profile headteachers in the region.

She was honoured by the Queen for turning around the fortunes of Hillcrest School and Community College in Netherton, where she was in charge from 2002 until 2007.

Go-karts track plans set to be turned down

PLANS for a new go-kart complex promising to be 'one of the best' in the UK are set to be rejected, it has emerged.

Roy Johnson, who owns Fishley Park in Pelsall, wants to build the £3 million scheme featuring an outdoor 1,200m track, a hospitality block and a restaurant on land north of Wyrley Common and south of the A5 Watling Street in Norton Canes.

The application was submitted in July last year but nothing has happened since, with Cannock Chase District Council said to be waiting on some details from Mr Johnson before it is put before the authority's planning committee to make a decision.

However it has now been reported that the council has concerns over the plans and officers will recommend they are thrown out.

Planning chiefs have reservations over the fact the proposed site is within green belt land and does not fall under Cannock Chase's local plan.

A council source told sister paper the Express & Star: "The application is still live but planning officers are having trouble with it because it is in green belt and it does not fit in with the local plan which the council has because of its own location in green belt.

Decision

"The council has not made a decision yet and it cannot be taken to committee yet because the applicant has not given all the information. But because of the green belt officers recommendation will be to refuse it."

Architect Ron Oliver, commenting on Mr Johnson's behalf, said: "We always expected this but we are very, very disappointed with the planners.

"We have information we have given to the council but they are saying they have not seen it, which is what has disappointed us.

He added: "We always knew green belt would be the issue but we have got the full support of the parish council and quite a lot of support from residents. It will hopefully go to committee in July or August and we are just getting everything together ready for that."

Speaking last year Dudley-born Mr Johnson said the complex would bring millions of pounds into Cannock Chase's economy, with a single event bringing in up to £200,000 over just one weekend.

"It will be a premier facility, aiming to be one of the best," he said.

Travellers set up camp at Arboretum



The convoy of caravans and vehicles belonging to the travellers which moved onto Arboretum land

TRAVELLERS have moved on to a popular Walsall community park. Walsall Arboretum is the latest site to be hit by an encampment of travellers, believed to have been the same which set up camp at Barr Beacon last week.

Around 20 caravans are currently at the Arboretum site, which is usually a popular spot for families, dog walkers and children. The travellers turned up at Barr Beacon last Monday, hav-

ing previously spent more than a week on Brownhills Common.

It is believed they moved on to the Arboretum on Friday night.

Councillor Mike Bird, Walsall's Conservative group leader, said: "I am absolutely at the end of my tether with this. It seems to me that these people are just a law unto themselves and they have no regard for our parks and land.

"They will do whatever it takes to get into a site and stay there

until they are moved. I am all for tolerance but I think if they are blatantly breaking the law like this we need to be using the full force of the law to punish them. I would like to see us take their vehicles, anything we can to stop this."

Other sites in the borough which have been repeatedly set upon by travellers have had injunctions imposed to move the groups on faster.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Club in tribute to tragic cyclist

A CYCLING club has paid tribute to a teenage rider who died in a road accident. Wolverhampton Wheelers Cycling Club chairman John Ireson called Joseph Guy's death an 'absol-

ute tragedy', adding that he had plans to compete professionally.

The 16-year-old, from Willenhall, died after a collision with a van last Wednesday morning. Mr Ireson added: "He had a love of cycling and it was his dream to compete professionally. He was already competing at a national level and he was a very good time trialist. He was a lovely lad, cheeky chap. The tributes have been overwhelming."

Joseph died after colliding with a van off the A449 Stafford Road, near Wolverhampton.

Cricket matches to deliver £25m

AN international cricket tournament is expected to deliver a £25.3 million boost to the West Midlands' economy.

Warwickshire's Edgbaston Stadium in Birmingham is hosting five matches in the ICC Champions Trophy with attendances totalling 120,000. India play Pakistan on Sunday and England take on Australia on June 10 and one of the semi-finals will be at the ground on June 15. It will also be a chance for Birmingham to showcase its proven track record in hosting major sporting events, as it bids to stage the 2022 Commonwealth Games.

Cuts to school funds criticised

THE school funding system has been criticised by a Walsall councillor amid fears over the impact cuts will have on his area.

State schools across the country are to face spending cuts of up to seven per cent per pupil.

Walsall councillor Ian Shires, who represents the Willenhall North ward, says he believes schools in the Short Heath and New Invention area could see their budgets cut by almost £1.3 million by 2020.

Pressing firm's impressive funds

MADE in the Midlands and Tipton firm Threeway Pressings raised £1,650 for the Midlands Air Ambulance.

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Property giant buys five sites

A BLACK Country property company has bought up around 100,000 sq ft of industrial and shop space in a multi-million pound string of deals.

London & Cambridge Properties (LCP), based in Kingswinford, has bought sites in Sheffield and Hull and three parades of shops, two in Derbyshire and one in Brough, near Hull for an undisclosed total.

The firm owns Wolverhampton's Wulfrun shopping centre, Dudley's Churchill Centre, Brierley Hill's Moor Centre, Park Place in Walsall and Aldridge Shopping Centre.

Commute costs workers 16 days

NEW research has found that 71.7 per cent of workers in Birmingham are losing up to 16 days a year commuting to and from work.

The survey of 1,200 workers, for independent job board CV-Library also indicated that 10.3 per cent commute for up to four hours a day.

The percentage commuting to work five days a week was 81.8 per cent. Of professionals 65.2 per cent say that they enjoy their commute, but 64.7 per cent would relocate for a shorter trip and 56.4 per cent would turn down a job that required a longer commute.

Landlords using agents on rise

THE number of landlords who use a letting agent to help manage their property has increased since the end of last year, according to a recent survey of investors.

Research for the National Landlords' Association found 61 per cent currently use a letting agent to manage their properties, a rise of seven per cent since the end of 2016.

The proportion of landlords who self-manage has decreased by nearly 10 per cent over the last year.

Festival to share ideas for projects

A 'SHARING' festival is taking place over 10 days this month.

Share Fest will see people take part in a variety of projects and provide more than 50 opportunities to share skills and knowledge. It will run from June 9 to 18 across Dudley and help increase awareness of projects taking place.

Organisers are also looking to launch a number of new projects.

Visit www.colabddudley.net for more information.

Ex-Wolves boss talk

FORMER Wolves manager Dean Saunders will be an after-dinner speaker at a Dudley hotel. Ex-sports presenter Bob Hall will host the event, on June 30, with the former Wales international forward, who also played for Aston Villa. Tickets cost £24 and are available on 01384 888830.

HOW THE CANDIDATES LINE UP:

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WALSALL

Breaking down the different areas of our voters

WALSALL NORTH'S constituency is in the heart of an area traditionally focused on manufacturing which retains many mechanical and engineering jobs in its economy.

The seat was created in 1955 from part of Walsall. After Conservative victories, Labour regained the seat in 1979; their candidate was the former Croydon South MP David Winnick, who has represented the constituency since then.

Going into the 2015 General Election, Walsall North was 13th on the list of Conservative target seats. Winnick increased his majority to 1,937.

A WORKING class constituency with a large Muslim population, **WALSALL SOUTH** has been a solidly Labour seat since 1974. It is at the heart of an area that traditionally was focused on manufacturing and includes the town of Darlaston and is bisected by the M6.

Also covered by the seat are the local authority wards of Bentley, Paddock, Palfrey, Pheasey Park Farm, Pleck and St Matthew's.

Until 2010 Walsall South had been served by only two MPs since 1955 – Conservative Henry d'Avigdor-Goldsmid and Labour's Bruce George. Incumbent Valerie Vaz won the seat on Mr George's retirement in 2010.

THE **ALDRIDGE-BROWNHILLS** constituency makes up the north eastern fringe of Walsall, neighbouring Burntwood, Lichfield and Sutton Coldfield. It is often described as a seat of two halves. Aldridge is predominantly an affluent residential community, while Brownhills is an ex-mining industrial town. The constituency also covers Walsall Wood, Pelsall, Rushall, Sheffield, and Streetly. Over three-quarters of residents are homeowners, putting it in the top 55 for home ownership among constituencies in England and Wales.

It also has one of the higher proportions of people describing themselves as Christian with 70.2 per cent.

Sir Richard Shepherd was the MP for 36 years between 1979 and 2015.

CREATED in 1983 after the old Staffordshire South West constituency was renamed, **SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE** has been a Tory hotbed since its inception. It contains around two-thirds of the South Staffordshire local government district and features Cheslyn Hay and Great Wyrley.

Government Chief Whip Gavin Williamson has held the seat since 2010.

On that occasion he won with a majority of 16,590, which he extended to 20,371 in 2015. Previously the seat was held by Patrick Cormack – now Lord Cormack, meaning that only two people have ever reigned in the constituency.

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Thousands of hospital complaints

MORE than 3,000 complaints have been received by the Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust over the last year – however bosses have said they are pleased that the total number has seen a fall. The trust which runs the Manor Hospital, received 3,109 complaints over the last 12 months, a decrease from 3,416 the previous year.

These included six MP letters and 284 formal complaints with the majority of the total coming in the form of informal concern's, which amounted for 2,091 of the total complaints.

Gary Perry, head of patient relations with the trust, said: "During 2016/2017, the over-riding theme emerging from formal complaints was 'clinical care, assessment and treatment. This accounted for 59 per cent of all complaint categories with communication, appointments, diagnosis and discharge accounting for the majority of the rest."

Mr Perry also added that the trust was looking to improve the way it handles complaints. He said: "The trust recognises that our patients and service users have a range of experiences when using our services and that we should provide them with a mechanism to feed back to us both positive and negative experiences.

"Where possible, we should take immediate action to put things right and where this is not possible it is important that we have a robust complaints process in place."

Commemorative coins are stolen

POLICE are asking people to be on the look out for commemorative coins after they were stolen during a house burglary.

It is unknown how many coins were taken in the burglary on Lichfield Road in Pelsall last Thursday, but the coins include six 'Icons of Steam' coins bearing pictures of famous steam locomotives including the Flying Scotsman.

Other coins included a number of Queen's Jubilee coins and five recently-issued Liverpool FC commemorative coins bearing pictures of players including Steven Gerrard and Ian Rush. All coins are roughly the same size as a 10p piece and are gold and silver in colour. A police spokesman said anyone being offered such coins should call 101.

New £275m city homes scheme

PROPERTY development business Regency Residential is to submit a scheme for a mixed-use development on a run-down site in Bristol Street, Birmingham.

The £275 million garden village scheme known as New Monaco is next to Bristol Street Motors and involves more than 1,000 apartments and town houses. If approved by Birmingham City Council the new homes would be built at some point during the final quarter of 2021.

Library's closure is 'hard to stomach'



The prince at the opening five years ago

A FIVE-YEAR-OLD multi-million pound library is to close in a matter weeks after last-ditch attempts to keep it open failed. Pelsall Library, in Walsall, was opened in 2012 by Prince Edward and cost around £5 million, but it has now been confirmed it will close on June 30 as the council looks to save £86m by 2020.

The library, which campaigners say is the second-most visited in Walsall, had been earmarked for closure last year but after nearly 2,000 people signed a petition to keep the library open, it had been hoped that an agree-

ment could be reached with Walsall Council. However, despite the council agreeing to re-look at the proposed closure, this has failed.

Pelsall councillor Garry Perry said: "This is indeed a most regrettable act and one we find hard to stomach."

"However as you will know from my updates, I have, supported by my colleagues Councillors Marco Longhi and Carl Bennett, been looking at alternative ways of keeping a 'loaning facility' alive at Pelsall in addition to using the space creatively. To this end I can confirm that all existing groups

who operate from the library will continue to do so.

"We are working with a community partner, Brownhills Community Association, on a collaborative model to make the most of the space and encourage and increase the use thereof."

As well as Pelsall – Beechdale, Blakenall, New Invention, Pleck, Pheasey, Rushall, South Walsall and Walsall Wood libraries will all close next month. Councillor Mike Bird, the leader of the Conservative opposition in Walsall, described the closures as 'economics of the madhouse'.

I'm proud to be gay man and a Muslim

"I'D rather see two Muslim men holding hands than holding guns."

Speaking in light of the recent terrorist attacks, these are the words of one of the few openly gay Muslim men, planning to tie the knot with his partner this month.

In what is believed to be the first same-sex marriage involving a Muslim, Jahed Choudhury, from Darlaston, has been shunned by his family and friends for being gay and hopes to live happily after following a troubled upbringing.

The 24-year-old will marry his 19-year-old partner, Sean Rogan, on June 22, after living together for the past 18 months.

The couple first met when Mr Rogan came across a distraught Mr Choudhury crying on a bench in Darlaston.

Mr Choudhury added: "I'd not long overdone and I was crying on a bench and Sean came over and asked if I was okay. He gave me hope at one of my lowest points and he's stood by me all the way."

Growing up with Bangladeshi parents and two brothers and one sister in a traditional Muslim household, Mr Choudhury recalls always being the "black sheep" of the family.

He added: "I was always the black sheep in my family, I stood out like a sore thumb."

Ingrained

"I never liked football, I preferred watching fashion shows on TV.

"I remember feeling trapped.

"When I was about eight or nine I realised something was wrong and I told my mom everything, my dad got angry at the time.

"I didn't understand what it was, but it was ingrained into me that being gay was wrong.

"I was taken into the headteacher at primary school who said it's our secret and it was left at that, I wasn't allowed to talk about it again."

Mr Choudhury then went to secondary school – Darlaston Community Science College – where he claims he was repeatedly bullied.

He said: "It went all over school, people would spit on me, empty the rubbish bins on me, call me pig and the Muslim people would shout 'harum' – which is a very nasty insult in my language."

A period of trying to change his sexual orientation consisted of him having a girlfriend, changing his social circle, taking medication and even going on a pilgrimage to Saudi Arabia and Bangladesh.

According to Mr Choudhury the situation only got worse – he was assaulted by fellow Muslims in the street where he lived and 'fag' was sprayed on his front door.



Jahed Choudhury and partner Sean Rogan from Walsall, who are tying the knot on June 22

The mosque he'd been attending for the past 15 years no longer allowed him in and he was physically attacked by other Muslim boys.

Feeling ostracised, Mr Choudhury attempted to kill himself.

He added: "I'd been viciously attacked by Muslim boys, my mosque told me non-Muslims were not allowed in."

"I tried killing myself and I then met Sean.

"The housing association got us a house in a week and we've been living together ever since. I proposed on Sean's birthday last June."

Mr Choudhury says he now has post-traumatic stress disorder meaning he struggles to face people alone and can't work.

He is now set to take a significant step forward

for both the Muslim and LGBT communities when he gets married at Walsall Registry Office in a few days.

He added: "We're going to have a big party in Darlaston afterwards and go to Spain for a week on holiday."

"This is about showing people I don't care, my family doesn't want to come on the day, they just don't want to see it, it's too embarrassing for them."

"They think it's a disease and can be cured, some of my family still call it a phase."

"I want to say to all people going through the same thing that's it's okay – we're going to show the whole world that you can be gay and Muslim."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Mascot name contest launch

A HEALTH watchdog is calling on people to come up with the perfect name for its new mascot.

The giant cuddly purple character will form part of a campaign to raise awareness of Healthwatch Walsall throughout the borough this summer.

The person who comes up with the best name, which is chosen by judges, will receive £50 worth of Amazon vouchers.

It is hoped the mascot, designed to mirror elements of the Healthwatch logo, will help the organisation reach out to a younger audience.

Suggestions can be submitted, along with a name, address, age if under 18 and phone number, to communications@ecstaffs.co.uk



The mascot

A&E figures are an improvement

WAITING times at Walsall Manor Hospital's Accident and Emergency department improved last month.

The Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust, which runs the hospital, has been in trouble repeatedly over the last few years for not hitting Government targets of seeing 95 per cent of A&E patients in under four hours.

The trust again missed the target in April, but it did record its best performance since September 2016. Performance in April was 85.81 per cent, which is an improvement compared to March when it hit 80.46 per cent.

College seeking more workers

A RECRUITMENT day has been set up as a college looks to bring in more than 30 new members of staff.

Walsall College has set up the event for June 10 in an effort to fill a variety of teaching posts and roles in business support areas.

The event, which will be held from 10am to 12 noon, will give potential applicants a chance to find out more about the vacancies available including job specifications and salaries.

For more information or to register for the event visit www.walsallcollege.ac.uk/events

Number of banned drivers up by third

THE number of motorists disqualified for dangerous driving went up almost a third in one year.

Consumer electronics manufacturer ASUS has published the figures following a Freedom Of Information (FOI) Act request to police forces across the country. It shows 5,179 motorists were banned for dangerous driving last year, up 29 per cent from 4,006. Out of those, 87 per cent were men, up one per cent.

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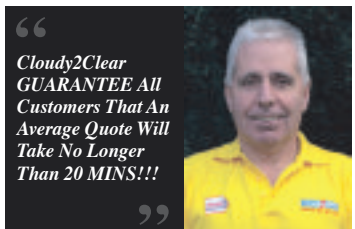
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IN MY VIEW

with Mark Andrews



It's time to invest in something really funny

A NEW study by an academic at Birmingham City University reveals great swathes of the population crying out for what is now known as a "traditional sitcom", ie one that is funny.

Reactions were analysed on three sitcoms, the slapstick Miranda, the American "1980s period comedy" Everybody Hates Chris, and the joke-free romantic comedy Gavin & Stacey.

She said Gavin & Stacey divided opinion: "Some viewers really enjoyed feeling invested in the characters and their relationships, others argued that the lack of jokes suggested that the writers just weren't able to make a 'real' sitcom."

Two things spring to mind. Firstly, couldn't they find three better comedies than this? How about Dad's Army? Reginald Perrin? One Foot in the Grave?

And who actually finds Gavin and Stacey funny? I saw it once, it didn't raise a single laugh. Not one. If I want to feel "invested", I will call my stockbroker.

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ANOTHER glossy card from my local car dealer, telling me that as a VIP customer I will be allowed to attend a special, invitation-only event, where I will get the opportunity to, er, buy a car.

Which begs the question of what would happen if somebody turned up uninvited, with a big sack of money, offering to pay list price for the most expensive car in the showroom. Presumably a couple of burly bouncers would bundle them out, telling them gatecrashers are not welcome. Or maybe I'm becoming a cynic.

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A COUPLE of weeks ago I argued that as there was no significant rail network in the Black Country, people here would find it hard to stomach paying more tax to subsidise well-heeled commuters in London. Environmentalist Tim Weller has been in touch, and raises some interesting questions which do deserve answers.

Tim calls for the reopening of the mothballed line connecting Stourbridge and Dudley to Burton-upon Trent which would effectively open-up a 75-mile link between Worcester and Derby, as well as putting the Black Country back on the national rail map.

But instead, for reasons never properly explained, the powers-that-be seem intent on using a small piece of that valuable line, from Wednesbury to Brierley Hill, for the "bus on rails" that is the Midland Metro. This would make it impossible to run a proper rail service on that stretch.

Tim wonders why the Metro, which would cost £30 million per km to install, is favoured over restoring the old rail service, which would cost less than £6 million per km. Maybe somebody would like to challenge this but it seems to me that the Black Country would benefit far more from a fast rail service linking it to the rest of the country than a slow tram running for just a few miles.

Blue Peter legend's passing among the politics



RIP John Noakes, a proper children's TV daredevil, seen with his beloved Shep



Dianne Abbott, who says she has moved on from her previous stance on Northern Ireland



The ginormously talented TV historian Lucy Worsley, not scirring the skeduled issue

Walk away advice is PC gone mad

SOME days before the NHS computer crash and BA's micro-chip mix-up, my old PC's screen suddenly filled with dire warnings, klaxon sounds and an American voice telling me to ring this number immediately. I hadn't a clue what was going on, so I did what I always do in times of PC crisis. I switched it off and went for a long walk.

WHEN I started the computer up again, all the warnings had vanished. I assume it was some low-grade attempt either to extract information, demand a ransom fee or both. Just to be safe, I downloaded all my files on to a memory stick. It took ages but gives me a great sense of security.

I COMMENTED on Lucy Worsley pronouncing "schedule" as "skedule" in her latest historical show, about Jane Austen. It gets worse. One TV reviewer reported that Worsley twice used the word "ginormous." Miss Austen would probably shudder and reach for the smelling salts.

IF you are of a certain age, you will probably remember John Noakes, who died this week, as the daft-as-a-brush Blue Peter presenter, paddling in the excrement of that incontinent baby elephant, or making yet another pointless Christmas present from a wire coathanger and a Fairy Liquid bottle. Think again. Have a look at his 1970s ascent of Nelson's Column on YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p4Y-FCJETmwl>) in the days before health and safety. With not even a hard helmet or a safety rope, Noakes climbs the column on a series of ladders, including one horrific, gravity-defying overhang. One slip and he would have been dead. Yet he shows not a trace of fear, not a hint of regret. I'm not sure whether he was brave or foolish but what a great performer he was.

A SECOND reader takes up the cudgels

THE BEST OF PETER RHODES



against the term "lone wolf" to describe a terrorist, a word which denigrates the noble wolf. While we're at it, he asks for the derogatory term "cowboy" to be banned. He knows his stuff, having worked with cowboys in the Rockies. They were, he says, "particularly hard working, skilled and professional people."

THE official election leaflet has just arrived from our local Labour candidate. It contains not a single mention of Jeremy Corbyn.

LOTS of visitors to the Chelsea Flower Show went home clutching brochures for "natural swimming ponds." This is the cool, green alternative to a chlorine-drenched swimming pool in your back garden. For between £60,000 and £90,000 the contractors will dig a hole, waterproof it and give you a place where you can swim among the newts, frogs and dragonflies, and sneer at your less nature-minded neighbours. I have a pal who made himself a swimming pond long before they became fashionable. It involved a weekend with a JCB and cost a lot less than sixty grand. His wife swims in it almost every day of the year and he has recently dragged an old dinghy onto it where one can sit at sunset and, while wobbling gently, put the world to rights with a G&T and a frog chorus. Bliss.

DIANE Abbott says she may once have hoped for a British defeat by the IRA, but has changed her mind, just as she has changed her hairstyle. So that's all right, then. Let's hope she doesn't suddenly go for a cut and blow-dry and emerge

from the salon cheerleading some other bunch of murdering psychopaths.

ABBOTT tries to distance herself from her pro-IRA days by repeating that it was 34 years ago. That makes it worse. For she was praying for the Brits to lose the struggle in Ulster at a time when the IRA were committing atrocities on the British mainland such as the Hyde Park bombings (11 soldiers and seven horses killed) and the Harrods bombing

(three police and three civilians killed, 90 injured). Her views back then were shared by only a tiny, rabid number of extremists. The passing of time is utterly irrelevant and her favourite phrase "moving on" does not wash.

A READER shares my view on the unfair funding of Alzheimer's treatment, with some patients subsidised by the state and others driven into penury by care-home fees. He suggests we learn a lesson from old lags. If you seem to be developing dementia, commit a serious crime. That way, you get 24/7 care in a warm, dry, comfortable prison with three meals a day, constant medical attention and no worries about security. And it doesn't cost you a penny.

AUF wiedersehen, pets. We have just bade a fond farewell to our German friends, over here for a few days for the first time in five years. Nothing seemed to have changed, apart from the arrival of their son, now 22 months. Turns out entertaining a German Terrible Two is much the same as an English Terrible Two. Fill a small watering can with water and watch them find endless amusement in watering the plants, the lawn, the grown-ups, the cat and anything else. Mehr is a most useful German word. It means more, as in "mehr Wasser," "mehr Trampolin" and "mehr Katze." If anything makes a two-year-old shriek with laughter, you know he'll want mehr.

TALKING POINT

Sat navs will send us round the bend

SO, the sat nav's on, we've got a half a pack of cigarettes, it's dark and we're wearing sunglasses... Hit it!

But hold on a minute Elwood - why are we going down this single carriageway track?

Yes, not exactly going according to plan with the Blues Brothers' movie script, as they start on their journey across America - in the film which surely is the antithesis of 'satnavism'.

And yet, from December, UK learner drivers will be expected to ditch their map and sign reading skills - as knowing how to use the computerised directions-giver will become part of the actual driving test.

Is this not surely a recipe for disaster? The daily calamities of the feckless lorry driver whose HGV gets stuck under a bridge because they followed that annoying female voice to their doom, are all too common.

And, how many times do we see road signs proclaiming: Do NOT follow sat nav directions.

Well, if that is the case, what is the blooming point of them at all?

Admittedly, for your actual door-to-door travel, without the hassle of having to worry whether you have missed a turn or not, on one-off journeys, they have some worth. But complete reliance?

And as the development of the devices get more all-singing, all dancing, we could be faced with a future where we don't even view the road ahead at all, well apart from the possible introduction of driverless cars themselves.

I foresee a superhacker getting hold of the software/hardware (don't ask a dunce like me to differentiate!) which controls driverless cars of the future, and a convoy of thousands screaming down the M5 towards the cliffs of Lands End and the watery grave of the Atlantic.

How many times as well, does that soulless voice with BBcquesque pronunciation get it completely wrong, either with the road name itself, or more frequently, with the number of junctions at a traffic island? Sometimes, slip roads are counted and that only adds to the confusion.

Once I ended up, in search of a hotel in Liverpool, going round a roundabout, obviously looking completely like a tourist with impatient scallies all around me, and took the wrong turn-off, only to end up on a lovely sight-seeing tour of the Wallasey Tunnel.

To add insult to injury, we then had to pay a toll to come all the way back again.

However, occasionally, only very occasionally mind, the sat nav mistress does actually provide revelatory miles-chopping routes across lovely country lanes.

Then of course, being the perfect driver who scoffs at reliance on anything but my own excellent internal atlas, it takes twice as long to get back home. And I couldn't even blame the tractors.

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No facts to back leave decision

THANK you Stephen Bruce, letters, May 24, for putting the case to remain far better than I have been able to do.

Yet again no solid facts have been put forward to support leaving.

Most of what he wrote is contained in his last sentence – ‘It worked for 900 years. It must be worth another try.’

Is that it, let’s give it another try?

Which countries Stephen are now prepared to buy more from us?

Who is going to reimburse our farmers? Exactly how much money is going to be released to use in the NHS? Who exactly is going to work hard in our fields and care for our elderly?

Our empire has gone Stephen and we are no longer allowed to forcibly take over other countries.

It’s a strange Trojan horse that has obvi-

Time for change on concerts

REFLECTING on the terrorist atrocity in the Manchester Arena, we must think differently at these large concerts.

A few weeks back I visited my daughter and her family in Dubai and whilst there, attended the Dubai World Cup horse racing event at the renowned Meydan Stadium.

The security was as tight as it is at airports, i.e. everyone was scanned/frisked and any bags scanned.

This same security was also in place when we attended the Abu Dhabi grand prix, 18 months earlier.

So, at these large concerts and major events, which also realise in the millions of pounds, this same security must be put in place to combat the menace of modern day terrorism.

The organisers have a duty and this must be made compulsory.

My heart goes out to the bereaved families, also to the injured and their loved ones.

RAY COOPER
Willenhall

ously been missed by 22 countries who have joined the original six members of the EU.

Yes there are still things that need changing: England is, neck and neck with Holland, the most densely populated country in Europe.

It is difficult to continually integrate thousands of people when our essential services and our housing needs are under so much pressure.

David Cameron accepted too poor a deal but let us work out reasonable needs and give the EU a chance to agree to them because outside of the EU only Rupert Murdoch will think we have made the right decision.

ROGER WATTS
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Children missing out on breakfast

COUNTLESS children skip breakfast. Too many lose out because their parents are either too poor or disorganised to provide it.

If every local child under the age of 11 could be guaranteed breakfast to start the day I think we could call ourselves civilised. Breakfast at school encourages families to bring their children to school on time. It provides a boost for the day of learning ahead. It gives parents a helping hand.

All the talk of school meals and supporting families without means is deeply flawed as during the extended six week summer holiday little or nothing is done to support hungry children. Teenagers are hungry too. No-one has suggested how parents are to be sup-

ported in providing hungry teenagers healthy meals at school or in a lengthy holiday. Don’t teenagers count as they mature, grow and change at alarming rates of development?

There needs to be a wide ranging and evidence-based discussion about how we all address food poverty. It certainly hasn’t happened in this election campaign. Everyone is too busy revisiting age old and tired arguments about the control and governance of schools to actually consider the simple fact that children learn best with a healthy breakfast and regular meals.

Let’s tackle and resolve the hunger games in our schools.

CLLR DOUG JAMES
Walsall

Shameful internment

TONY Levy’s letter advocating internment (29 May) is historically inaccurate and it’s argument full of holes. The examples he cites of internment are all fraught with problems.

The USA did not merely intern ‘foreign nationals of Japanese origin’ as Levy falsely asserts. Sixty-two per cent of those detained were United States citizens.

The internment is generally regarded as one of the most shameful in American history and as an example of naked racism, since Americans of German descent were treated very differently.

Closer to home, and our own time, is the spectacular failure of internment in Northern Ireland, which notoriously swept up known, but peaceful, civil rights leaders.

A repetition in the present situation is likely to lead to a round-up of people who are a bit mouthy down the mosque.

ALAN T HARRISON
Walsall

Wartime heroics plea

MAY I please request that a relative or person knowing the facts about a G Willis, a PoW of the Japanese who worked on the ‘Death Railway’, what is his story? Please telephone to let me know on 01922 452432.

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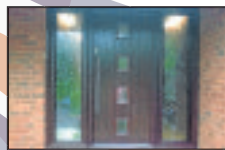
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50,000 in clinical trials over one year

MORE than 50,000 people took part in clinical research trials in the West Midlands in one year.

The Clinical Research Network West Midlands has published figures for 2016/17 as NHS organisations celebrated International Clinical Trials Day. The event is to raise awareness on how patients could contribute to research.

By Clare Butler

It celebrates the anniversary of the first clinical trial by James Lind in 1747 into the causes of scurvy on board the HMS Salisbury.

A range of activities took place around the region to mark the day, including a school visit by a research bus, a research café and a number of research showcases.

Participating in health research helps develop new treatments, improve the NHS and save lives and studies show that research active trusts have better outcomes for patients.

Network Clinical Director Professor, Jeremy Kirk, said: "The more patients who can be offered the opportunity to take part in vital clinical research, the better the care we can offer and the quicker the NHS can introduce new and better treatments for the benefit of all patients."

Patients from trusts have been sharing their stories to highlight the impact that research has had on their lives, and the lives of others who have participated.

Sheena, a patient from the Black Country said: "After research had been explained to me in more detail I knew I was definitely going to take part."

"I knew that people would benefit from the research and I would be helping somebody else."

To find out about healthcare research studies running locally, visit www.ukctg.nihr.ac.uk or to read more about patients' experiences visit the Get Involved page of the site.

Urgent plea to save Walsall charity dog



Red, who works with victims of sexual abuse

A CHARITY has launched a £15,000 crowd funding campaign to try and prevent a the termination of a dog who works with victims of sexual abuse. Crisis Point in Walsall has launched the campaign on Just Giving and needs to raise the cash to fund knee surgery for Red, a German Shepherd who works as a therapy dog for the charity.

Red, who is three and a half years old, supports children who have experienced sexual abuse and have internalised their trauma by getting them to open and help move forward with their lives.

However the former police dog suffers from osteochondritis dissecans (OCD), a joint disorder which causes pain and swelling and forces the affected joint to lock up during movement. Last year his OCD flared up and a scoping operation in February this year revealed he needs to have total knee replacements by September. If he does not get the operation then his condition will deteriorate and he will need to be put down.

A spokesman for Crisis Point said: "Red is a prime example of not judging a book by its cover; his large build fools no-one, as his gentle interior shines through and touches all who meet him."

At the time of writing Crisis Point's fund for Red has reached £4,482.75 of the £15,000 needed. Those wanting to donate can visit www.justgiving.com/campaigns/charity/crisis-point/please-save-red-victims-need-him

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Outrage as children's maze hit by vandals



The wooden maze, at Ashmore Park, Wednesfield, where wooden posts were broken and pulled out of the ground

VANDALS have attacked a popular park – damaging an activity maze for children.

It's the second time in just over a year that Ashmore Park, near Willenhall, has been targeted.

Around a dozen wooden posts were found broken and pulled out of the ground, being left scattered nearby.

Councillor Phil Bateman called the attack a disgrace, adding: "This piece of play equipment has been attacked, I for the life of me cannot understand why this should happen."

"I am sure Ashmore Park families

are as dismayed as I am about this vandalism. It's disheartening, we have people trying so hard to keep this area respectable and we've only recently had new play equipment installed.

"It obviously costs money for us to replace this, money which we could really do with spending elsewhere."

"But I have received a name from a member of the public that, as always, I will be passing on to the police showing the power of social media at work."

Following the attack, Councillor Bateman has also asked local authorities if the nearby CCTV could cover the Ashmore Park area. He added:

"As always we'll work together to put a stop to this. A similar type of attack happened last year, when an outdoor gym was attacked."

The city council's environmental team said: "This piece of natural play equipment, fun for the children to run around and to challenge their balancing skills on the variable height wooden stumps, has unfortunately succumb to thoughtless vandalism. This will be put right over the coming days but it's an expense we would rather do without."

Anyone with information is urged to contact West Midlands Police on 101.

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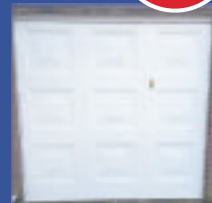


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Youth leaders course puts volunteers on track

RESIDENTS in Goscote and Blakenall who are currently out of full-time employment have become youth volunteers after taking part in a six-day youth leaders course.

The residents, who live at the new Waters Keep development took on a youth leader training course, which provided them with volunteering opportunities to work with young people in and around their local area.

The programme also resulted in the 12 residents gaining a Level 1 Certificate in Employability Skills qualification.

Sessions were delivered by Walsall College at Bloxwich Community Partnership's Blakenall Centre.

Now that they have completed the programme, the participants have joined whg's Volunteering Works programme and will gain experience helping out in their community.

The 10 residents all live near the Waters Keep estate, where work is ongoing to build 412 new homes.

Activities

The estate forms one part of the £88 million Goscote Lane Corridor Regeneration programme.

With new play facilities planned near the estate, local residents and partner agencies will work together to provide activities to engage young people.

Julie Adams, aged 36, is among the new recruit of volunteers. She said: "I have been volunteering as a youth worker for Bloxwich Community Partnership for the last two years.

"I was inspired to volunteer after my cousin passed away at the age of 21. I felt lost after his death but it inspired me to do something positive and give something back.

"I wanted to take part in this programme so I could gain some qualifications.

"I learned loads on the programme and I'm now looking forward to helping out more young people. Volunteering is really rewarding - as much as I help people, it helps me too."



Ten residents in the programme launched by whg and Walsall Targeted Youth Work

Rally call to protect old people from con artists

A COMMUNITY leader has called for people to rally together to stop elderly residents getting stung by fraudsters.

On numerous occasions in recent months elderly people have fallen victim to scammers or bogus officials who have either taken money from them or attempted to do so.

Police have put out appeals for people to be aware in an effort to prevent these type of crimes.

Councillor Doug James, who represents the Darlaston South ward in Walsall, has now said that more needs to be done to protect 'isolated' elderly people and called for neighbours to offer their assistance. He said: "The

targeting of vulnerable elderly by criminals eager to defraud them of their hard earned money is occurring at an alarming rate across The Black Country. It is a crime that is as widespread as it is heartless.

"More must be done to keep local people informed and protected against fraudsters. It is all too easy to talk about isolated elderly and fail to actually reach the individuals most at risk by fraudsters. Family friends and neighbours of elderly people also need to be aware of how they can offer assistance. Keeping in touch with one another, and giving a little time for others can help in a big way."

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Club concerns over factory site plans



Cub founder Steve Bird, with wife and clubhouse manager Karen and, centre, daughter Jemma, all of Aldridge

A FOOTBALL club with more than 200 players and even a connection to TV's The Apprentice fears the redevelopment of a factory next door could cast doubt over its future.

Red Star AFC has been based on Middlemore Lane, Aldridge, for a decade after moving from Streetly where it spent the first three years of its existence. It was founded by Steve Bird, aged 52, and has gone from strength to strength ever since now boasting teams 14 up to under 21s.

The club also features a dance studio started by his daughter Jemma which was influential in securing her

a spot on series 10 of the Apprentice in 2014. But as reported earlier this month, land owners the St Francis Group have now submitted plans to Walsall Council to redevelop the historic former McKechnie brassworks next door.

The St Francis Group has applied to demolish the old McKechnie Brass factory in Middlemore Lane, Aldridge, and change the use of the site to include light industrial purposes as well as storage and distribution.

The third part of the firm's 'hybrid' bid will be to build 22,703sq m of new units bringing life back to the 14-acre plot which has been abandoned for nearly four years.

While the scheme does not directly impact the recreational ground occupied by Red Star, which they rent from St. Francis one year at a time, Steve feels the development could eventually pave the way to the club losing its home of 10 years. He has now called for reassurances from the developer.

Steve said: "They have always give us cart blanche which has been great and we have progressed brilliantly. But now we live in fear of them building on it. No-one from the St Francis Group was available for comment.



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From dancing to football 'MBE' for volunteers

A FOOTBALL club, dancers, cancer support group and a community project are among the many groups receiving a Queen's Award.

Fourteen voluntary groups from the West Midlands have been hailed for their contribution in the community by the award – widely regarded as being the MBE for groups of volunteers.

In Wolverhampton, Access to Business (A2B), Ashmore Park Community Association, Bilston Town Community Football Club, Hope Community Project, Interfaith Wolverhampton, Jai Jashn Dance, Kidderminster and Worcestershire Prostate Cancer Support Group and The Haven were all recognised for their work in their community for the benefit of others.

Delight

Jaivant Patel, artistic director of community dance group Jai Jashn Dance, spoke of his delight. He said: "The organisation has been working a long time to really promote the Indian culture and diversity of dance."

Graham Hodson, chair of Bilston Town Community Football Club said he was 'chuffed to bits' to take the award on behalf of the club.

"We just do what we do and we know we are good at it, but never expected anything like this. It has been wonderful."

The European's Welfare Association CIC, Fastaid Black Country and The Glebe Centre, Walsall were also in receipt of the accolade along with White House Cancer Support, in Dudley.

Nationally, 224 winners have been announced. This prestigious UK National Honour recognises outstanding voluntary contributions and sets the national benchmark for excellence in volunteering, with the work of those



The Jai Jashn Dance group have been given the Queen's Award

awarded being judged to be of the highest standard. The 13 volunteer groups have received the award for outstanding voluntary work in their communities.

Staffordshire Women's Aid were also recognised for their hard work.

Dickie James, Chief Executive Officer of Staffordshire Women's Aid, said: "We are particularly proud and pleased to have received this recognition for our work during our 40th year celebrations."

A Walsall-based homeless centre have been awarded the distinguished Queen's Award for its volunteer programme.

The Glebe Centre, based on Wednesbury Road, Walsall, is run by YMCA Black Country.

Manager, Jane Hayward said: "Our volunteers are invaluable: they give their time to us, often working within a challenging environment, without any expectations of recompense."

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"More people die from skin cancer in the UK than in Australia, due to awareness campaigns in Australia leading to greater awareness and earlier detection of skin cancer."

Members can visit the Manor Hospital's Health and Wellbeing Hub between 8.30am and 3pm.

Police re-appeal over fighting soccer fans



Images from CCTV of the seven men police wish to speak to concerning alleged violence after the match which Walsall beat Northampton Town 2-1

TRANSPORT police have said they are still looking for seven men in connection with a mass brawl following a Walsall home match.

Up to 15 football hooligans were involved in a brawl at Bescot Stadium train station ahead of Walsall FC's 2-1 victory over Northampton Town on February 4.

By Jordan Harris

Officers were called to the fight on the over bridge at the station at around 2.30pm, 30 minutes before kick-off. They broke up the trouble, and a man aged 25 from Walsall has been arrested on suspicion of violent disorder.

The suspect arrested has now been bailed in

connection with the trouble. However, British Transport Police have now re-appealed for help to find seven men wanted in connection with the brawl. A spokesperson said: "We are continuing to appeal for information to identify seven men in connection with football disorder."

"There was a large fight between football fans at Bescot station in Walsall following the Walsall vs Northampton fixture on Saturday Feb-

ruary 4. We originally appealed for information in February and since then five men have been spoken to in connection with his incident.

"We are still seeking information on seven people."

"If you recognise the men in the images, who are believed to be Walsall and Northampton fans, please call 0800 40 50 40 or text 61016 quoting reference number 405 of 4/2/17."

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Gamma camera work starts at Manor



Drivers from Germany drop off the new gamma camera, to detect cancerous tumours, at Walsall Manor Hospital

WORK to install a vital new gamma camera at Walsall Manor Hospital is under way. The camera, which is used to detect cancerous tumours and a host of other medical problems, is costing in excess of £650,000 and staff are being trained to use it.

The camera arrived from Germany last Friday and the project to install it and train all staff is due to be completed this summer.

Contractors had to dig out the old floor in the room that will house the new gamma camera and lined it with lead to protect staff and patients from the effects of radiation. The floor has

also had to be reinforced to support the new camera which is above the Clinical Measurement Unit at the hospital.

The existing camera was installed a decade ago and is outdated, with the new one part-funded thanks to Walsall League of Friends which donated £100,000 towards the cost.

The new camera has a SPECT/CT attachment, which will improve image quality and diagnosis and offer an improved service to patients.

It will now be possible to perform modern examinations, and patients who currently have to travel to other

hospitals for their examination will now be able to receive this in Walsall.

Jo Lydon, Divisional Director of Clinical Support Services for Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust, said: "A lot of preparatory work has been going on since April but we're now in a position to install and commission the new gamma camera. Throughout the work we have tried to ensure patients have been disrupted as little as possible."

"We're all looking forward to the summer completion so we can continue to make a real difference to the safe, high quality care that our patients deserve."

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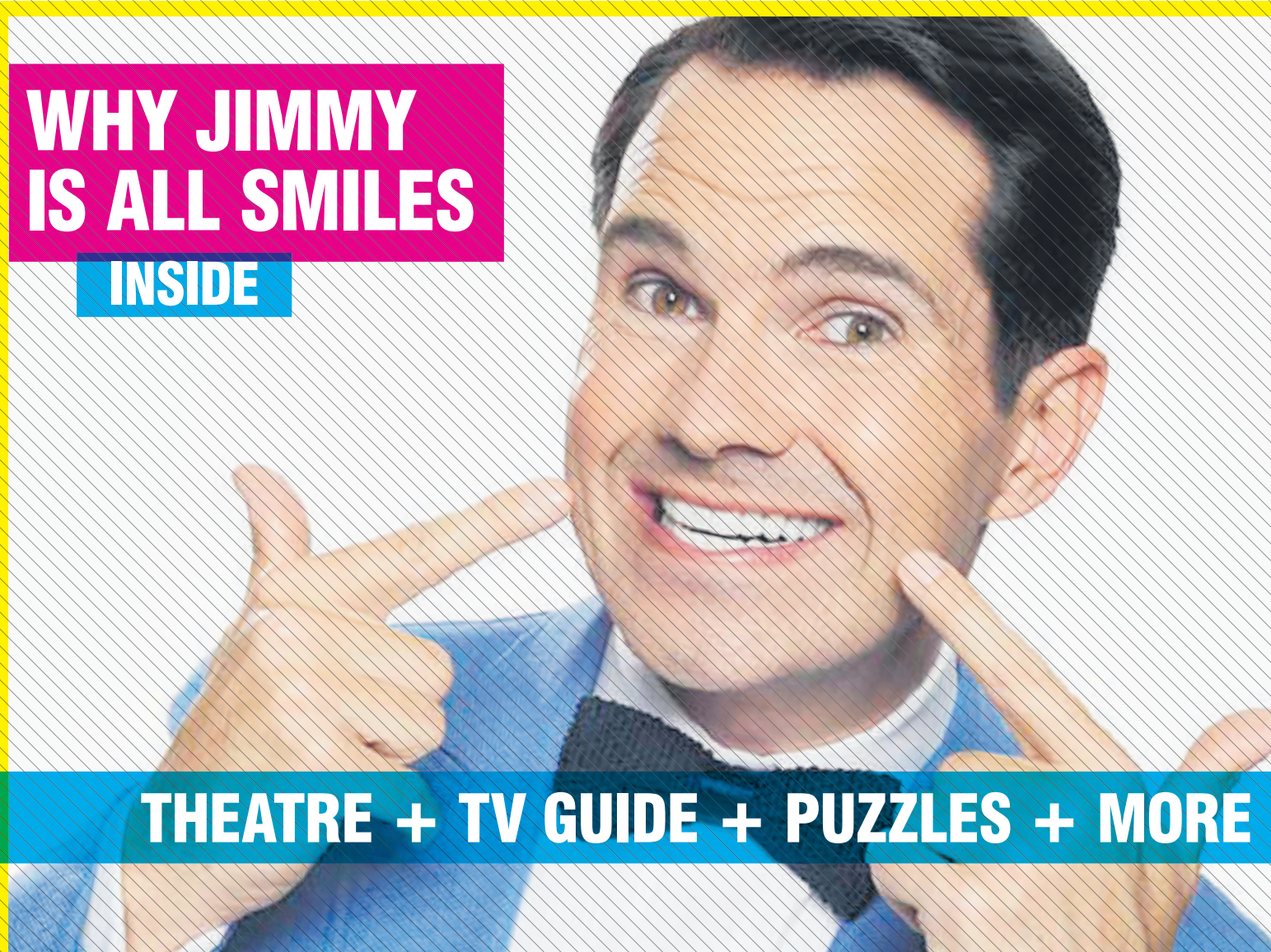
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It's only a joke if the audience laugh

Funnyman Jimmy Carr has been one of nation's most successful stand-up comics, since launching his career in 2000.

The deadpan master of dark humour has also become a household name through his work on the Channel 4 panel show 8 Out of 10 Cats and The Big Fat Quiz of the Year.

He's back on the road after gathering a selection of his very best jokes along with brand new material for the ultimate comedy show. Jimmy will headline Birmingham's Symphony Hall on Saturday in The Best of, Ultimate Gold, Greatest Hits Tour.

A man who has devoted his life to crafting perfect jokes and has left a trail of laughter in his wake, his new tour will distill everything we love to laugh at and be shocked by, into one unparalleled night of entertainment.

During his years in stand-up, Jimmy has performed nine sell-out tours, playing nearly 2,000 shows to over two million people across four continents. He's won the British Comedy Award for Best Live Stand-Up Tour and been nominated for the Perrier Award.

At the start of his career, Jimmy had no plans to work in TV. "I had no aspiration as a kid at all. If I'd known that it was possible to work in television, I would have wanted to be a producer; but I didn't know anyone in that world. It wasn't an option.

"Instead I took the line of least resistance. I grew up in middle-class Berkshire, so I was obviously going to do A Levels and try to get to the best university possible.

"The fact I've lost my Catholic faith would probably come as the biggest surprise.

"I got to Cambridge and then worked way too hard to get a job in marketing for a blue-chip company. It was amazing that at no point during those years did I think, 'What the devil am I up to?'

"My young self would be a bit shocked that in my mid-20s I made a conscious decision to do something completely out of the ordinary. I left my well-paid job to join the circus.

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"The whole being-on-television thing would seem a bit surreal to my younger self. I think I'd also be a bit concerned at the lack of work I do: I only have to do two hours a day max to be considered the hardest working man in comedy.

"I was a little bit melancholy as a youngster but I'm a lot happier now. Doing comedy makes me happy."

Jimmy has taken his show around the world and has proved a hit in Japan. He was thrilled to fly out to the Land of the Rising Sun.

"I desperately wanted to go to Japan. My promoter friend and I are obsessed with food. So we were looking at places to go and tour with amazing restaurants so we can go and eat some amazing food. And Tokyo was number one on our list. We basically put it in the tour so we could eat incredible Japanese food. It is the best in the world. If you like watching documentaries on people making sushi, which I do, who doesn't want to go to Japan?"

In an age of observational comedy, Jimmy is happy to go it alone and tell jokes. He has no axe to grind and just likes making people laugh.

"In this day and age people don't do one-line jokes. There's an American tradition of telling people about their lives. But I don't mean it. It's not like I'm telling jokes but there's a message there. I have no axe to grind. I'm an entertainer. I'm not trying to be a wise man. My thing on

I was a little bit melancholy as a youngster but I'm a lot happier now

controversy is it's an easy story on a slow news day. I never apologise for jokes. At most I've said sorry you're upset. It was a joke! I'm only joking. I'm not making a serious political statement; I'm just making you laugh.

"You have to be respectful of the right to be offended but I will joke about anything as long as the joke is good enough to warrant it. There's got to be a gut-wrenching laugh. My favourite noise in comedy is a laugh followed by an intake of breath. Because a laugh is a reflex. A sharp intake is their conscience saying they shouldn't have laughed at that. The audience regulate comedy in a way that doesn't happen in other art forms. If the audience don't laugh it wasn't even a joke, it was just two sentences strung together. Ultimately they are the arbiters of taste and decency and what's funny."

Jimmy's new show deals with many of the funniest jokes he's ever told and he's perfectly happy to return to that material. He thinks people will enjoy hearing the best gags again – just as rock fans love listening to their favourite band's hits.

"I'm quite an old fashioned comedian in a strange way, because not many people do one liners anymore – not many people do jokes. They might do a long story that's got a lots of laughs along the way and then a big punch line at the end and if you've heard that before, you know where it goes and the surprise is done. But when you're telling three, four gags a minute, I think you can go back. People forget them.

"People tell me my own jokes. It's one of my favourite things: at the end of the show there's always a signing and people kind of go 'I've got one you're going to love' and you go 'Yes – that's from my second DVD!' It's a lovely thing when they live on in someone else's head. It's quite sweet. But I'm not frightened by it because I've sort of been doing best-of shows on the quiet for years – they're called corporates."

Perceptions of Jimmy have changed over the year. Once he was thought of as the dark prince of comedy, an enfant terrible who'd tell scandalous gags. However, opinions towards him have mellowed – even though his material hasn't. He's happy to no longer be in the spotlight – and even happier that he's more successful than ever.

"I'm probably bigger now than I've ever been, but it's less of a story. I can sell lots of tickets, I can play shows, but it's kind of under the radar. But it's when you're on the up and you'll be famous in a year, everyone comes to see you. I think it's because it's almost irritating: 'Who's this new guy? He's come from nowhere!' I was really conscious of this one year, when I was on Channel 4 like four nights a week and people were like 'what?'. Now if I do that, people just go 'oh yeah, course he is.'"

Jimmy's appetite for comedy started at an early age. During his school years, he was part of a gang where the objective was to make one another laugh.

"If you weren't funny at school, you weren't one of our friends. That taught me to handle hecklers. Having a good sense of humour was how you'd be in the group. Everyone was just very, very good. That really has been a lifelong love of mine – taking the piss and knowing where to draw the line. If someone heckles me now I just think, 'OK, here we go. I've been

doing this for years!" And though he's now thought of as being one of the hardest working men in showbusiness, in fact, he used to work much harder.

"I really enjoyed working after university in advertising and marketing. I'd tell myself at 16 it is nice to have a relatable and normal life. If you go straight into showbusiness you are never really grateful for how easy it is. And it is really easy. When you start doing comedy it is the first time you are self-employed so you think you are never going to do any more gigs than this – so you do all of them. I remember for the first four years in comedy I was doing upwards of 300 gigs a year. If someone asked me if I wanted to go to Plymouth for £60 I'd say yes. I was paying my dues."

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The amazing Illumaphonium



Grand nights out form part of city's Artsfest 2017

The Grand Theatre has teamed with the University of Wolverhampton, Arena Theatre and other arts organisations in the city to celebrate Artsfest during June.

The festival of arts and culture in Wolverhampton and surrounding areas starts today (Thursday) and continues until June 30.

Artsfest is celebrating the cultural life of the Black Country and emerging artists whose work is made in the region. Both professional and student work will be on show in more than 20 venues across the city.

Artsfest 2017 will include more than 70 events in the fields of performing arts, poetry and literature, film, media, art and design.

Grand Theatre contributions to the programme include the stage adaptation of Michael Morpurgo's

Running Wild until Saturday. Then Brummie comic Don Maclean tops a bill at the Grand Music Hall on June 14 which also features Grand panto dame Ian Adams and Gill Jordan, best known for her alter-ego Doreen.

Other Grand highlights will include comedian Stewart Lee, Mod musical All Or Nothing featuring the music of The Small Faces, and flamboyant musical La Cage Aux Folles with West End stars John Partridge and Marti Webb.

Highlights at other venues include Wolves Are People Too at the Arena Theatre on Saturday, free event, Reynard The Fox: The Fabularium, at the Mander Centre on June 16. Illumaphonium is a free music installation at Light House Media Centre between noon and 8pm on June 17. A full list of events can be found in the brochure at participating venues or online at wlv.ac.uk/artsfest.

High hopes for Ruth's Pan fantasy



Birmingham Royal Ballet performs the world premiere of Arcadia at Birmingham Hippodrome this month.

The one-act ballet is the first major commission as choreographer for Birmingham Royal Ballet dancer Ruth Brill (pictured), and will be part of a three ballet programme alongside Michael Corder's Le Baiser de la fée and John Cranko's ever-popular Pineapple Poll.

Arcadia was born when BRB director David Bintley mentioned John Harle's music to Ruth. The Tyneside-born musician is probably best known for composing the theme to TV's Silent Witness and for working with Michael Nyman.

After watching her initial work, Bintley commissioned Ruth to choreograph Arcadia. Designed by Birmingham City University student Atena Ameri and accompanied by a striking new score from saxophonist Harle, this new work is centred around the Ancient Greek god Pan and his dual nature, as half-man, half-animal.

The Kent-born ballerina says: "This is an incredible opportunity for me as a young choreographer. It is rare for an artistic director to give an opportunity like this."

"I've learnt so much from David throughout this process and it's an honour to be part of the choreographic legacy of Birmingham Royal Ballet."

Ruth is no stranger to

choreographing for diverse projects, both her Rhapsody In Blue and Matryoskha for BRB were memorable, but Arcadia represents her biggest challenge to date.

She says: "This is the first time I've worked with a composer and the collaboration with John Harle has been wonderful. We are also honoured that he will be performing live at every show."

Designer Atena Ameri has taken a year out from her degree at BCU to design the brand-new ballet, after wowing ballet bosses with her exceptional portfolio.

Birmingham Royal Ballet perform family favourite Coppélia from June 13 to 17. Then Arcadia is top of the triple bill from June 21 to 24. See www.brb.org.uk for further details.

Future has arrived with Kraftwerk

No doubt what the gig of the week is, the ultra-rare and long sold out 3D concert by Kraftwerk at Birmingham Symphony Hall on Tuesday.

The appearance by the robotic German synth pioneers is eagerly-awaited by fans of the group, whose melodic minimalist machine music has been highly influential on rock and dance music.

Since Kraftwerk emerged from Düsseldorf in the 70s, singing 'Wir fahren fahren fahren auf der Autobahn', the future they predicted has arrived.



Tributes from AC/DC through to the Big O

MUSICAL tributes are still all the rage. Wolverhampton Grand hosts And Finally... Phil Collins, an 11-piece band celebrating their tenth anniversary performing Phil Collins and Genesis songs, at the Lichfield Street venue on June 18. Over in Bilston at the Robin 2, tomorrow (Friday) The Doors Alive recreate the sound of Jim Morrison and co, then The Dirty DC rock like Aussie legends AC/DC on Saturday. Plus tributes to Slash on June 15 and Whip It outfit Devo on June 16. Novana play Cobain classics at the O2 Academy in Brum on Saturday, and the venue hosts Bat Sabbath, Cancer Bats' tribute to Black Sabbath on Wednesday. That's the same night Mercury: The Ultimate Queen Tribute is at the New Alexandra Theatre, which hosts The Illegal Eagles on June 15 and The Roy Orbison Story on June 16.

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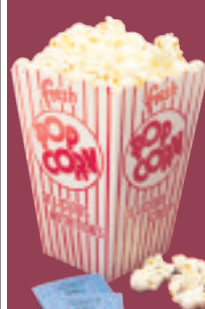
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The Voice Kids (ITV, 7.45pm)
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BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Mary Berry Cooks. (R) **12.00** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Athletics: Diamond League Rome Highlights. **2.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.15** Money for Nothing. (R) **4.15** Pointless Celebrities. (R) **5.05** BBC News. **5.15** Regional Programme. **5.25** Film: Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom. (1984) Action adventure, starring Harrison Ford.
7.15 **Doctor Who**. The Time Lord, Bill and Nardole find themselves on Mars, but despite removing themselves from Earth, they still end up embroiled in yet another stand-off between humanity and alien forces. This time, though, mankind has become the aggressor. In a bid to extend their queen's empire into space, Victorian soldiers have somehow invaded the red planet, and their activities threaten to awaken a hive of militant Ice Warriors, for whom Mars is home. As tensions escalate, the Doctor faces a unique dilemma. He has vowed to serve humanity as its protector, but when it is the humans who are the invaders, whose side should he take? Sci-fi drama, starring Peter Capaldi, Pearl Mackie and Matt Lucas.
8.00 **Who Dares Wins**. Nick Knowles challenges two pairs of complete strangers to team up, and battle it out to list as much as they know about a given subject.
8.45 **Casualty**. Violence at a right-wing rally outside a local Muslim community centre brings the Ellison family back into the ER, and gives Ethan a chance to confront Scott about Cal's death.
9.30 **Mrs Brown's Boys**. Agnes goes on a diet after her family's comments about her weight, but soon realises how difficult it will be to lay off the fish and chips. (R)
10.00 **BBC News**: Weather; National Lottery Update.
10.20 **Would I Lie to You?** Gareth Malone, Amanda Abbington, Richard Osman and Phil Jupitus join David Mitchell and guest captain Greg Davies on the truth-or-lies comedy panel show, hosted by Rob Brydon. (R)
10.50 **Film: Shanghai Noon**. (2000) Comedy Western, starring Jackie Chan and Owen Wilson.
12.35 Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.40** BBC News.

BBC2

6.15 A to Z of TV Gardening. (R) **7.00** **Film: Dance, Girl, Dance**. (1940) **8.25** **Film: The Westerner**. (1940) **10.00** Monty Hall's Great Hebridean Escape. (R) **11.00** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **12.00** Great British Menu. (R) **12.30** Great British Menu. (R) **1.00** Great British Menu. (R) **1.30** Bette Davis: Talking Pictures. (R) **2.15** **Film: Now, Voyager**. (1942) Romantic drama, starring Bette Davis and Claude Rains. **4.10** Flog It! (R) **5.00** Gardeners' World. (R)
6.00 **Great Continental Railway Journeys**. Michael Portillo ventures onto the European rail network to retrace journeys featured in George Bradshaw's 1913 publication Continental Guide. (R)
6.30 Dad's Army. (R)
7.00 **Royal Academy Summer Exhibition 2017**. Kirsty Wark and Brenda Emmanus tour the Royal Academy galleries during a glamorous private preview of this year's Summer Exhibition, which is due to open to the public on Tuesday. The exhibition sees established British artists displaying work alongside that of less well-known contemporaries, and here, Kirsty and Brenda go behind the scenes of the event in the run-up to the grand opening. The pair meet some of the featured artists, and explore the process of curating the world's largest open-submission exhibition.
8.00 **Live International Rugby Union**. Argentina v England (Kick-off 8.15pm). Jason Mohammad presents coverage of the opening match of the two-Test series, staged at the Estadio San Juan del Bicentenario in San Juan. This tour represents a chance for several players to stake a claim to a regular place in Eddie Jones' squad, with England missing their leading stars to the Lions' tour of New Zealand. With commentary by Eddie Butler and Andy Robinson, and analysis by Clive Woodward and Jeremy Guscott.
10.30 **Cricket: ICC Champions Trophy Highlights**. England v Australia.
11.20 **Versailles**. Louis XIV returns to Versailles vowing to purify his private life, while Madame de Montespan hopes to cement her place in his heart. George Blagden and Anna Brewster star. (R) Inside Versailles.
12.20 **Film: Elles**. (2011) **1.55** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. **6.10** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. (R) **6.25** Sooty. (R) **6.35** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **6.40** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.50** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **7.00** Oddbods. (R) **7.05** Super 4. (R) **7.20** Marvel Avengers Assemble. (R) **7.45** Thunderbirds Are Go. (R) **8.10** Ben 10. **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Weekend. **9.25** The Home Game. (R) **10.20** Grit's Great Britain. (R) **10.50** Britain's Got Talent Final. (R) **1.20** ITV News: Weather. **1.30** Live French Open Tennis. John Inverdale presents coverage of the women's singles final. **4.30** World Cup Qualifier Live. Scotland v England (Kick-off 5.00pm).
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9.15 **Film: Horrible Bosses**. (2011) Premiere. A power-crazed bully, a sleazy cocaine addict and a sexual predator each make an employee's life a misery, but the three workers cannot afford to quit their jobs. They resort to desperate measures by conspiring to murder each other's bosses, with a little help from an eccentric ex-convict. Comedy, starring Jason Bateman, Charlie Day, Jason Sudeikis, Kevin Spacey, Jennifer Aniston and Colin Farrell.
11.05 **ITV News**: Weather.
11.25 **World Cup Qualifier Highlights**. Scotland v England. Action from the Group F fixture, which took place at Hampden Park, as the old rivals met for the 114th time.
12.25 **Tipping Point**. Game show, hosted by Ben Shephard. (R) **1.20** Jackpot247. Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team. **3.00** Who's Doing the Dishes? Former footballer Neil Ruddock plays host. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.20 Motor Sport: Volkswagen Racing Cup. **6.45** Motor Sport: Mini Challenge. **7.15** Swansea Triathlon. **7.40** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.05** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Frasier. (R) **10.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.25** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.55** The Simpsons. (R) **11.25** The Simpsons. (R) **12.25** The Simpsons. (R) **12.55** Four in a Bed. (R) **1.25** Four in a Bed. (R) **1.55** Four in a Bed. (R) **2.30** Four in a Bed. (R) **3.00** Four in a Bed. (R) **3.30** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun. (R) **4.35** Big House, Little House. **5.35** Kirstie and Phil's Love It or List It. (R)
6.30 **Channel 4 News**.
7.00 **Britain's Ancient Tracks with Tony Robinson**. Tony follows the Ridgeway from the Wiltshire Downs, through Berkshire and Oxfordshire, finally arriving on the banks of the Thames. Along the way, he visits a world-famous stone circle and explores an ancient burial chamber that is older than the pyramids, follows in the tracks of Celtic chariots, and discovers the story behind a white horse. (R)
8.00 **Film: Iron Man**. (2008) Arms manufacturer Tony Stark is taken hostage by a terrorist group and realises the weapons his company build have been falling into the wrong hands. Using his engineering skills to construct a hi-tech armoured suit, he manages to escape and then puts the technology to good use in the fight against evil around the world. Superhero adventure, starring Robert Downey Jr, Jeff Bridges, Gwyneth Paltrow and Terrence Howard.
10.30 **Formula 1: Canadian Grand Prix Qualifying Highlights**. Steve Jones presents action from Montreal, where the grid positions for the seventh round of the season were decided at the Circuit Gilles Villeneuve.
12.00 **Film: Horns**. (2013) A man suspected of murder grows horns and develops supernatural powers, which he uses to track down the real killer. Horror, starring Daniel Radcliffe and Juno Temple. **2.05** Hollyoaks. Omnibus. Grace and Warren end up in a tricky situation. **4.05** Ackley Bridge. A six-part school drama series set in a Yorkshire mill town. (R) **5.00** Fifteen to One. (R) **5.55** 3rd Rock from the Sun. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.05** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.40** The Gadget Show. (R) **11.35** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.35** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.30** Police Interceptors. (R) **2.30** FIA Formula E Live. The first Berlin ePrix race. **4.15** Nightmare Tenants. Slum Landlords. (R) **5.15** The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door. (R)
6.15 **The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door**. A pensioner who fell out with his young neighbour over his loud parties, and two musicians who were not even at home when their neighbours claimed they were making too much noise. (R)
7.00 **Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away**. Paul and Ben try to drill through the locks on a property to evict the residents, only to find to their surprise that the door has been modified with some special reinforced metal. Elsewhere, Delroy and Brian try to reclaim money a garage owes to a customer and are shocked by the condition of the vehicle in question, and a woman who has acted as guarantor for her sister's tenancy does not realise the extent of her responsibilities. (R)
8.00 **Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away**. In Staffordshire agents try to collect nearly £2,500 in unpaid parking fines, while officers head to the West Midlands to recover £4,500 owed from a debtor to his former girlfriend. (R)
8.55 **5 News Weekend**.
9.00 **Big Brother**. Daily round-up of highlights, revealing the housemates' reactions to the first eviction, as well as the latest tasks, games, arguments, laughs and diary room visits. Narrated by Marcus Bentley.
10.05 **Best of Bad TV: The 90s**. A look at the decade that brought many opportunities for eye-popping errors, including the ill-conceived TV sitcom Heil Honey I'm Home!, featuring a fictionalised Adolf Hitler. (R)
11.35 **Lip Sync Battle UK: Peter Andre vs Gino D'Acampo**. Melanie Brown and Professor Green present as reality star Peter Andre and presenter and Italian TV chef Gino D'Acampo go head to head lip-synching to hit songs. (R)
12.00 **SuperCasino**. **3.10** **Film: Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery**. (1997) **4.50** House Doctor. (R) **5.15** Wildlife SOS. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four
7.00 Natural World Special: Attenborough's Ark **8.00** Nature's Great Events **9.00** Cardinal **10.25** Top of the Pops: 1984 **11.40** Metal at the BBC **12.10** Britain's Most Dangerous Songs: Listen to the Banned **1.10** More Dangerous Songs: And the Banned Played On **2.10** Meat Loaf: In and Out of Hell **3.10** Metal at the BBC **3.40** Close
ITV2
11.00 Take Me Out **12.25** Take Me Out – The Gossip **1.30** You've Been Framed! Gold: The Next Generation **2.35** **Film: What a Girl Wants** (2003) **3.35** FYI Daily **3.40** **Film: What a Girl Wants** (2003) **4.40** **Film: Happy Feet** (2006) **5.40** FYI Daily **5.45** **Film: Happy Feet** (2006) **6.50** **Film: Sweet Home Alabama** (2002) **7.50** FYI Daily **7.55** **Film: Sweet Home Alabama** (2002) **9.00** Love Island: The Weekly Hot List **10.00** **Celebrity Juice** **10.45** Family Guy **12.15** American Dad! **1.10** **Celebrity Juice: Bestest Bits** 2017 **2.10** Through the Keyhole **3.00** Teleshopping
ITV3
12.55 Lewis **3.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **7.00** Midsomer Murders **9.00** Foyle's War **11.00** Law & Order: UK **2.00** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping
ITV4
11.00 The Motorbike Show **1.00** TT 2017 **2.00** **ITV Racing: Live** from Haydock. Coverage of today's race meetings at Haydock Park, Newmarket and Chester. **4.25** Live French Open Tennis. Coverage of the men's doubles final at Roland Garros. **6.30** Storage Wars **8.55** The Sweeney **8.00** Cycling: Women's Tour Highlights **9.00** TT 2017 **10.00** Cycling: Criterium du Dauphine Highlights **11.05** **Film: Transporter 3** (2008) **12.05** FYI Daily **12.10** **Film: Transporter 3** (2008) **1.15** TT 2017 **2.10** The Motorbike Show **3.00** Teleshopping
E4
11.30 The Goldbergs **1.25** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **2.25** **Film: The Core** (2003) **5.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** **Film: Pitch Perfect** (2012) **11.15** Gogglebox **1.25** Rude Tube **3.20** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **4.05** First Dates Abroad **4.30** New Girl
Film4
11.00 Gideon of Scotland Yard (1958) **1.00** School of Rock (2003) **3.10** Carry On Nurse (1959) **4.55** Night at the Museum (2006) **7.05** Unstoppable (2010) **9.00** Red 2 (2013) **11.15** Legion (2010) **1.15** The French Connection (1971) **3.30** Close

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CHOICE



Aiden Turner

Poldark (BBC1, 9.00pm)
New series. The popular period drama based on the novels of Winston Graham returns. The year is 1794, and Ross Poldark throws himself into the business of repairing Nampara, and rebuilding his relationship with Demelza. However, Elizabeth's pregnancy continues to cast a shadow over the pair's marriage. Young Geoffrey Charles is placed in the care of a new governess, and he and Poldark bond over their shared hatred of George. Meanwhile, Demelza visits her dying father at the behest of her brothers, who have taken up Methodism, and Elizabeth places both her own life and that of her unborn child in danger when she tries to hide the fact that she has gone into labour early.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show. 10.00 Regional Programme. 11.15 The Big Questions. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. (R) 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.15 Homes Under the Hammer. (R) 2.15 Money for Nothing. (R) 3.00 Flog It! (R) 4.00 Escape to the Country. (R) 4.45 Points of View. 5.00 Songs of Praise. 5.35 Eat Well for Less? (R) 6.35 BBC News. 6.50 Regional Programme. 7.00 **Countryfile.** The rural current affairs series visits Northern Ireland, where Joe heads into the woods near Belfast to help members of the RSPB tag swifts. He also tours a farm where physalis, mustard flowers and Asian radishes are found growing alongside the usual fare of potatoes, carrots and cauliflowers. Ellie takes in sites associated with St Patrick on Church Island, and Adam finds out why herdwick sheep are being used to graze on ground where some of the UK's rarest plants are found. 8.00 **Antiques Roadshow.** Fiona Bruce presents a second show from New Lanark on the banks of the Clyde, where items brought in to be valued include diamonds that were found after being hidden inside an upholstered chair, a claret jug that was rescued from a pawn shop, and a banner for Britain's oldest subscription library, founded in 1741. 9.00 **Poldark.** New series. The popular period drama based on the novels of Winston Graham returns. The year is 1794, and Ross Poldark throws himself into the business of repairing Nampara, and rebuilding his relationship with Demelza. However, Elizabeth's pregnancy continues to cast a shadow over the pair's marriage. Young Geoffrey Charles is placed in the care of a new governess, and he and Poldark bond over their shared hatred of George. 10.00 BBC News. 10.20 Regional Programme. 10.30 **Film: Captain America: The Winter Soldier.** (2014) The superhuman soldier battles a mysterious cyborg assassin as he uncovers a sinister conspiracy. Comic-book thriller sequel, starring Chris Evans. 12.35 Weather for the Week Ahead. 12.40 BBC News.

BBC2

6.15 The Instant Gardener. (R) **7.05** Gardeners' World. (R) **8.05** The Beechgrove Garden. **8.35** Countryfile. (R) **9.30** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.00** Great British Menu. (R) **11.30** Great British Menu. (R) **12.00** Sailing: America's Cup Highlights. **1.00** Trialhorn: World Championship Series - Leeds. The ITU World Series meeting from Leeds. 6.00 **The Fifteen Billion Pound Railway.** Engineer Linda Miller battles to rebuild a Victorian tunnel under the Royal Docks in the East End as part of the Crossrail train line linking east and west London. Meanwhile, the Berminghams attempt to follow in the footsteps of 19th-century father-and-son team Marc and Isambard Kingdom Brunel as they construct a new tunnel beneath the Thames. (R) 7.00 **Dragons' Den.** The panel casts their eyes over plans for an innovative tool and a portable water-saving device - but a restaurateur struggles to get across his business plan. Evan Davis presents. (R) 8.00 **The Life Swap Adventure.** A Guyanese hunter from a rural village in the Amazon rainforest trades places with a civil servant from London who is dreaming of escaping the relentless rat race. 9.00 **Paul Hollywood's Big Continental Road Trip.** The Bake Off judge concludes his trip in France, where he tries to find out what makes the country tick when it comes to cars. 10.00 **Mock the Week: Election Special.** Angela Barnes, Ed Gamble, James Acaster, Milton Jones and Tez Ilyas join Dara O Briain and Hugh Dennis for the topical comedy show. (R) 10.30 **White Gold.** Comedy drama set in a double-glazing showroom in Essex in the 1980s, where the unscrupulous salesmen are led by the charismatic Vincent Swan. Ed Westwick stars. (R) 11.00 **Cricket: ICC Champions Trophy Highlights.** India v South Africa. 11.50 **Film: Kings of Curry.** (2013) A woman planning her wedding wants both her father and her uncle to attend, so has to resolve their long-standing feud. Comedy, starring Amara Karan. In English and Hindi. 1.10 Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) 2.05 Holby City. (R) 3.05 This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. **6.10** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. (R) **6.25** Sooty. (R) **6.35** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **6.40** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.50** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **7.00** Super 4. (R) **7.20** Marvel Avengers Assemble. (R) **7.45** Thunderbirds Are Go. (R) **8.10** Ben 10. **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Weekend. **9.25** Britain's Best Walks with Julia Bradbury. (R) **10.00** Peston on Sunday. **11.00** Judge Rinder. (R) **11.55** The Voice Kids. (R) **1.25** ITV News; Weather. **1.30** Live French Open Tennis. John Inverdale presents coverage of the men's singles final on the 15th day. 6.30 **Regional Programme; Weather.** 6.45 **ITV News; Weather.** 7.00 **Vera.** DCI Stanhope and her team, including new recruit DC Hicham Cherad, travel to a remote country house when the woman looking after it is killed. No sooner have they arrived, than a second body is discovered. Vera discovers the two victims met the night before their deaths, and goes in search of a connection between them. Forensics evidence reveals that one was definitely present when the other died - but when no murder weapon or motive can be found, Vera begins to suspect a third party was involved. (R) 9.00 **The Loch.** New series. The search for a serial killer in the area around Loch Ness becomes a matter of life and death for local detective Annie Redford, who is trying to cope with her first murder case. When the body of a local man is found at the foot of Carn Mohr Mountain and an isolated human heart on the loch shore, the town's normality is shattered and the nightmare begins. Drama, starring Laura Fraser and Siobhan Finneran. 10.00 **ITV News; Weather.** 10.20 **World Cup Qualifier Highlights.** Action from the latest round of qualifying fixtures, including Scotland v England, Serbia v Wales, Azerbaijan v Northern Ireland and Republic of Ireland v Austria. 11.35 **Lethal Weapon.** Cahill is targeted by a murderous stalker, Riggs begins to obsess over Murtaugh's past, while Roger and Trish locate their daughter's fake ID. (R) 12.30 Jackpot247. **3.00** Motorsport UK. **3.50** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.20 3rd Rock from the Sun. (R) **6.45** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.10** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.35** Frasier. (R) **8.00** Frasier. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **8.55** Eating Well with Hensley + Hensley. **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** Eat the Week. **1.30** George Clarke's Amazing Spaces. (R) **2.30** Film: The Devil Wears Prada. (2006) Comedy drama, starring Meryl Streep. **4.40** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun. (R) **5.40** Homes by the Sea. 6.35 **Channel 4 News.** 7.00 **A Very British Hotel.** Behind the scenes at London's Mandarin Oriental Hyde Park, located in the heart of Knightsbridge and one of the world's most exclusive hotels. It has been a favourite with royals from all around the globe, celebrities and the super-rich for more than 100 years, and the series starts with the hotel in the middle of its busy summer season. (R) 8.00 **Cabins in the Wild with Dick Strawbridge.** The competition to find the ultimate cabin in the wild concludes as a treehouse design takes on a stylish tin-clad construction for a place in the grand finale. In the series. 9.00 **The Handmaid's Tale.** Offred accompanies Serena Joy on a visit to see Offred's baby, but she fears the new mother has become delusional when she confides that she thinks her commander is in love with her. Later Offred is taken away in a black van to be interrogated by an Eye and Aunt Lydia about her knowledge of Offred, who has been taken to a detention centre. In a flashback to the rise of Gilead, June and her female colleagues are fired and the government orders a freeze on bank accounts held by women. Elisabeth Moss stars. 10.15 **Formula 1: Hamilton Vs Vettel.** A look at the rivalry between Lewis Hamilton and Sebastian Vettel, two multiple champions who seem destined to challenge for the title again this season. 10.30 **Formula 1: Canadian Grand Prix Highlights.** Action from the seventh round of the season at the Circuit Gilles Villeneuve in Montreal. Lewis Hamilton was looking for his third successive victory in this race and sixth overall. 12.35 **Grand Prix: The Killer Years.** (R) 1.35 **Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA.** (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Milkshake! Monkey. **6.05** Mr Men. (R) **6.15** Milkshake! Bop Box. (R) **6.20** Peppa Pig. (R) **6.25** Peppa Pig. (R) **6.30** Weisser. (R) **6.35** Paw Patrol. (R) **6.50** Bob the Builder. (R) **7.00** Fireman Sam. (R) **7.10** Oily the Little White Van. (R) **7.15** Oily the Little White Van. (R) **7.20** Paw Patrol. (R) **7.35** Blaze and the Monster Machines. (R) **8.15** Noddy: Toyland Detective. (R) **8.15** Weisser. (R) **8.30** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **8.45** Shimmer and Shine. (R) **9.05** Little Princess. (R) **9.20** Peppa Pig. (R) **9.35** Peppa Pig. (R) **9.45** Peppa Pig. (R) **9.50** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **10.05** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.40** Film: Agent Cody Banks. (2003) Family spy adventure, starring Frankie Muniz. **12.40** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.35** Police Interceptors: Deadly Pursuits 2. (R) **2.30** FIA Formula E Live. The second Berlin ePrix race. **4.15** Film: Footloose. (1984) Drama, starring Kevin Bacon. 6.25 **Film: Dirty Dancing.** (2017) Premiere. Musical remake of the romantic drama. Abigail Breslin stars as an awkward teenager staying with her family at a holiday camp in the 1960s. She embarks on a life-changing romance with the camp's charismatic dance instructor (Colt Prattles), despite the disapproval of her parents and the condemnation of society in general. With Bruce Greenwood, Debra Messing and Billy Dee Williams. Edited for sexual content. 8.55 **5 News Weekend.** 9.00 **Big Brother.** Daily round-up of highlights, revealing how the housemates are getting on under the all-seeing eye of Big Brother, featuring the latest tasks, games, arguments, laughs, diary room visits and bedroom chat-chat. Narrated by Marcus Bentley. 10.00 **Film: Friends with Kids.** (2011) Premiere. Two single friends decide to have a baby together, while continuing to date other people. Comedy, directed by and starring Jennifer Westfeldt. With Adam Scott. Includes 5 News Update at 11.00pm. 12.10 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. (R) 1.05 SuperCasino. Live interactive gaming. **3.10** Film: Fighter Attack. (1953) Second World War drama, starring Sterling Hayden. **4.35** Access. **4.50** House Doctor. (R) **5.15** Wildlife SOS. (R) **5.40** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.50** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four
7.00 Nigel Slater: Life Is Sweets **8.00** The Secret Life of the Motorway **9.00** Horizon: Secrets of the Solar System **10.00** Inside God's Observatory: A Sky at Night Special **10.30** Britain's Star Men: Heroes of Astronomy **11.30** Horizon: 40 Years on the Moon **12.30** Nature's Great Events **1.30** Engineering Giants: Ferry Strip-Down **2.30** Britain's Star Men: Heroes of Astronomy **3.30** Close **ITV2**
11.50 Film: The Flintstones (1994) **12.50** FYI Daily **12.55** Film: The Flintstones (1994) **1.35** Film: St Trinian's (2007) **2.35** FYI Daily **2.40** Film: St Trinian's (2007) **3.30** The Voice Kids **5.00** Film: Despicable Me 2 (2013) **6.05** FYI Daily **6.10** Film: Despicable Me 2 (2013) **7.00** Film: Coyote Ugly (2000) **8.00** FYI Daily **8.05** Film: Coyote Ugly (2000) **9.00** Love Island **10.00** Love Island: Afternoon **11.05** Family Guy **12.30** American Dad! **1.30** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records: Bonking Big Hits **2.00** Teleshopping **5.50** ITV4 Nightscreen **ITV3**
12.05 Film: Death on the Nile (1978) **1.05** FYI Daily **1.10** Film: Death on the Nile (1978) **2.55** Foyle's War **5.00** Midsomer Murders **7.00** When Phillip Met Prince Philip: 60 Years of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award **8.00** Paul O'Grady's Animal Orphans **9.00** Joanna Lumley's Japan **10.00** Law & Order: UK **12.00** Wire in the Blood **3.25** May the Best House Win **5.10** On the Buses **5.35** ITV3 Nightscreen **ITV4**
11.15 Live British Touring Car Championship. Round five from Croft. **6.00** The Car Chasers **6.55** Storage Wars **7.25** World Cup Qualifier Live. Macedonia v Spain (Kick-off 7.45pm). **10.00** Cycling: Criticism du Dauphine Highlights **11.00** Cycling: Women's Tour Highlights **12.00** River Monsters **2.10** Tommy Cooper **2.45** ITV4 Nightscreen **E4**
11.00 New Girl **11.30** Kevin Can Wait **12.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **12.30** Film: Turner & Hooch (1989) **2.30** The Goldbergs **3.30** The Big Bang Theory **6.30** Film: Star Trek (2009) **9.00** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **10.00** Rude Tube **11.00** Gogglebox **1.10** 8 Out of 10 Cats **2.00** Rude Tube **Film4**
11.00 ParaNorman (2012) **1.00** The Seeker: The Dark Is Rising (2007) **3.00** Epic (2013) **5.05** Vice Versa (1988) **7.00** Ride Along (2014) **9.00** Escape Plan (2013) **11.15** Oldboy (2013)



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FILM CHOICES

MONDAY
Parenthood, ITV, 10.40pm
Anxious family man Gil Buckman is determined to have a better relationship with his three children than he had with his tough father. Elsewhere, his two sisters are also having family problems. Comedy drama, starring Steve Martin, Keanu Reeves, Mary Steenburgen and Jason Robards. (1989)

TUESDAY
Taken Back: Finding Haley, Channel 5, 3.15pm
A woman whose daughter goes missing spends years obsessing over finding her. She meets a girl who she becomes convinced is her child, and tries to prove that her parents are in fact kidnappers. Thriller, starring Moira Kelly and Amanda Tapping. (2012)

WEDNESDAY
Outrageous Fortune, Channel 4, 1.55am
A porn star and a drama student discover they have one thing in common – they are being two-timed by the same man. When their lover mysteriously disappears, they team up to find him, only to learn he is an agent of a foreign power. Comedy, starring Bette Midler, Shelley Long and Robert Prosky. (1987)



THURSDAY
Expecting Amish, Channel 5, 3.15pm
An Amish teenager joins her friends in Los Angeles, expecting to return home after a year and marry her boyfriend. She has an affair with a DJ during the break, which shakes her devotion to her culture. When she realises she is pregnant, she faces being ostracised from her family. Drama, starring AJ Michalka and Alyson Stoner. (2014)

FRIDAY
Confetti, BBC2, 11.05pm
Three couples compete for the title of Most Original Wedding of the Year, with a film crew following the preparations. Theatre-loving Matt and Sam plan a musical marriage, naturists Michael and Joanna brave the elements for their all-nude nuptials, while fiercely competitive Josef and Isabelle warm up for a sporty ceremony. Spoof documentary, starring Martin Freeman, Jessica Hynes and Robert Webb. (2006)

A lawyer aiming to put right miscarriages of justice

Who said there aren't enough roles for women of a certain age on TV?

Clearly they haven't been watching the box during the past few years, because this is a golden period for such dramas.

Sarah Lancashire recently won a Bafta for her brilliant performance in the second series of Happy Valley, while her Last Tango in Halifax co-star Nicola Walker has had lead roles in River and Unforgotten. Anna Friel is currently appearing in the BBC's Broken and previous starred in ITV's Marcella.

And then there's Helen McCrory. Although always hugely talented, she's come into her own in recent years, with roles Peaky Blinders, Penny Dreadful, Leaving and now this new, six-part drama.

It's been created and written by Patrick Harbinson, whose previous credits include 24 and Homeland (which starred McCrory's husband, Damian Lewis).

"A few years ago I was asked if I would be interested in writing a drama about a radical lawyer," explains Harbinson. "I said yes – as long as the stories could have a strong political element to them, ie they were set in the grey area where politics and law could collide, and as long as the lawyer in question could be something of a throwback – an 'unreconstructed lefty lawyer', as Michael Gambon's character calls her.

"The result was Emma Banville, played by Helen McCrory. Fearless is about an abuse of justice, Kevin Russell is convicted of murdering 15-year-old Linda Simms in 2003, and an abuse of power – political forces with no obvious connection to the case are determined to ensure Russell's conviction is upheld."

He adds: "If there's a point to this series, beyond what I hope is six entertaining hours of TV, it's that this apparently 'indefensible' person could one day be any of us – just as one day it was Stefan Kiszko, Christopher Jefferies and five Irishmen on a train from Birmingham – and let's hope there's an Emma there to defend us."

"We've seen strong female leads on TV, but Patrick Harbinson has created a character I've never seen before," says McCrory. "A very vulnerable her to the next generation. A woman who really is a pioneer and is finding her own way. A reaction to her own damaged past, but also Emma cares so much about what's happening in the world about her."

"Emma feels alone. She's not part of an establishment. She's not part of a gang. You see her on the street and you see her investigating and trying to find out the truth. That really touched me because I felt this is exactly where the world is at the moment."

McCrory is at the heart and soul of the drama, but she's surrounded by other fine talents, including the aforementioned Gambon, who plays an influential and highly respected academic, Wunmi Mosaku, who takes the role of Olivia Greenwood, who investigated the Linda Simms case, and John Bishop, who has been cast as Emma's partner.



Jonathan Forbes and Helen McCrory star in Fearless, Monday, ITV, 9pm

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY
Amazing Animal Births, ITV, 8pm
New series. Zoologist Lucy Cooke sees first-hand the incredible bond between animals and their newborn offspring. She begins by heading to the Yorkshire Dales to join shepherdess Amanda Owen and her husband Clive, who have more than a thousand sheep that lamb on some of the toughest terrain in Britain. Lucy then visits Howletts Wild Animal Park in Kent, which is part of animal conservation charity The Aspinall Foundation, where she witnesses the birth of a black rhino - of which there are only around 2,500 of left in the wild.

TUESDAY
Jo Cox: Death of an MP, BBC2, 9pm
On June 16, 2016, in the midst of EU referendum campaigning, Jo Cox MP was murdered by Thomas Mair. This documentary tells the story of her attack and events surrounding it via the testimony of those closest to it, including Jo's family, witnesses and those who knew the killer. The victim's political convictions and the issues she fought for dashed with Mair's viewpoint, which some believe motivated him to kill. Here, access to West Yorkshire Police's murder investigation is drawn together for the first time.

THURSDAY
Wife Swap: Brexit Special, Channel 4, 9pm
The reality show returns for a one-off edition. Pauline, Andy and 14-year-old Katie live on Canvey Island - the area with the nation's third highest 'out' vote. For seven days, bar worker Pauline swaps her home, job and family with psychotherapist and Green Party councillor Kat, who lives in rural Nottinghamshire with her partner Roger and 17-year-old daughter Sophie. These strong-minded women immerse themselves in each other's lives and face issues around immigration, class and racism. But will they hear anything that changes their mind about Brexit?

FRIDAY
Gardeners' World, BBC2, 8pm
The programme celebrates its 50th anniversary at Gardeners' World Live at Birmingham's NEC. Joe Swift and Adam Frost explore the show gardens and meet a designer who has created a garden showcasing 50 years of changing trends.

THURSDAY
Battling the Bailiffs, Channel 4, 10pm
Documentary about campaigners on a mission to prevent people being evicted by standing up to bailiffs. The housing crisis has resulted in more than 50 families a week being evicted. Filmed over nine months, this film follows 42-year-old boxing trainer Chrissy Morris and his friends who are battling the system, spending their spare time travelling around the country and stopping the bailiffs in their tracks.

FRIDAY
Lethal Weapon, ITV, 9pm
Riggs and Murtaugh are forced once more to work with DEA agent Karen Palmer in order to protect Leo Getz, an ambulance-chasing attorney linked to the Cartel. As the three delve further into the case, they begin to realise that Leo may not be the only one with a target on his back. Meanwhile, Riggs begins to view Agent Palmer in a new light, while Murtaugh is left worried after Trish makes a spontaneous decision. Damon Wayans, Clayne Crawford and Hillarie Burton star in this fast-paced series, based on the hit, big-screen movie.

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Park and dine at Weston Grill

A friend runs a Shropshire restaurant. He's earned ratings from The Good Food Guide and AA for a menu that combines the best of seasonal flavour. He's busy, pays good salaries and, you'd expect, he'd have a queue of cooks waiting at the door asking for a job.

The opposite is true. Despite being in one of the county's best locations, despite having extraordinary suppliers and despite being one of the most charming employers in the county, the kitchen seems to have a revolving door. Chefs spin in and out at an alarming rate, wrongly imagining that grass is greener elsewhere.

He suffers from what I call the Fish and Chip Conundrum. His customers love fish and chips – but chefs think they're above such fripperies. They want to dazzle like Heston, rather than fry like The Godfather. Fools – the lot of them.

My friend reasons with them, encouraging them to make their version of the humble chip supper the best in the county. He exhorts them to cook with greater precision, to make sure their seasoning is pinpoint perfect, to create a batter that cracks and crunches with the sound of shattering glass and to triple cook their chips in the beef dripping of wagyu cattle, or something similar. . .

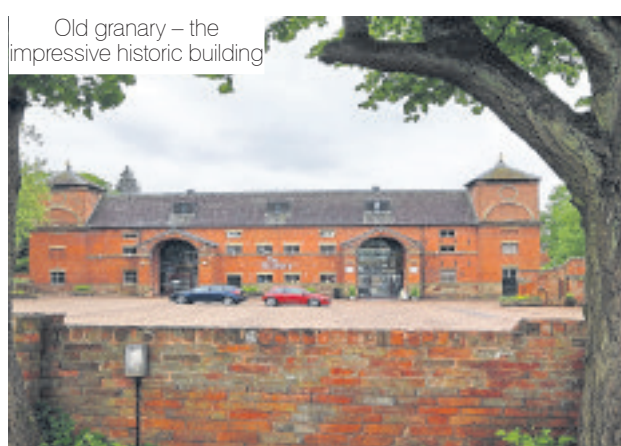
And yet time and again, his chefs give up the ghost because they want to create a pea espuma to serve with a black pepper and pineapple beignet alongside air-dried duck pastrami and spherified white balsamic. Or some such nonsense.

The Granary Grill, at Weston Park, went through a phase where its chefs wrongly imagined they were competing against the county's fine dining elite. And so, for a little while, chefs would over-complicate and

Buns of fun – the Weston burger with fries



Old granary – the impressive historic building



add in layers of needless detail when all the customers really wanted was a decent steak, a stunning burger, a banging plate of moules et frites or a luxurious prawn cocktail followed by a sautéed corn-fed chicken breast with garlic mash.

A few years on and the penny seems to have dropped. The Granary Grill menu 2017 is spot on, featuring a mix of tried and tested gastro pub classics – confit duck leg with lentils, twice-baked goat's cheese soufflé, a rib eye steak with hand cut chips – alongside a few dishes that are a little more exotic but do not

alienate. There are sides that all would recognise: hand cut chips, cider-battered onion rings, garlic mushrooms, béarnaise sauce and a salad et al. The age of chefs having ideas above their station is well and truly over and instead they appear to have adopted the maxim of my restaurateur friend – people love simple food, so make your version better than anyone else's.

For that's precisely what the Granary Grill does. During a midweek supper, my friend and I were dazzled by two courses that really oughtn't to have been anything special: a prawn cocktail and a humble burger.

Both were memorable and stood out from the crowd – more of which later.

Weston Park seems to be on a mission to make eating out the easiest pursuit known to man. It's user-friendly website is easy to navigate, its online booking service the easiest in town – I booked online and within two hours we were sitting down to eat. Easy peasy lemon cheesey (cake).

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A uniquely adapted four/five bedroomed detached property in Hebden Grove, Willenhall, lies in a cul-de-sac location on the ever popular Coppice Farm Estate.

It is for sale through L&S Prestige Estates at £270,000. Its extended living accommodation comprises of an entrance hall, a ground floor WC, a spacious lounge open plan into a dining area, a modern fitted kitchen with a separate utility area, a breakfast room/play room and a conservatory.

To the first floor there are four well proportioned bedrooms with an en-suite shower room to the master, a family bathroom and an office/fifth bedroom.

This home also has double glazing and gas central heating throughout.

Outside there is off road parking in front of the integral garage to the fore and a private enclosed garden to the rear.

This house is superbly situated for easy access to a wide range of local amenities, a choice of popular local schools and excellent transport links.

Due to the way in which the property has been extended, it has excellent potential for further conversion to include a separate one bedroom annexe or home office set-up, said a spokesman for the selling agent.

The breakfast room has ceramic tiled flooring and timber framed doors with glazed panels opening to the conservatory. It also has a spiral stairs leading up to office one. This is only accessible only via the breakfast room and is a potential fifth bedroom.

Back downstairs, the utility room has a range of wall and base units with complementary work surfaces over, tiled splash backs and spaces for several under counter appliances.

The conservatory has ceramic tiled flooring and French doors opening to the rear garden.

The rear garden includes a patio area, lawn, planted flower beds and a raised paved area to the rear.

WILLENHALL £270,000



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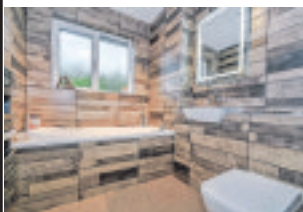



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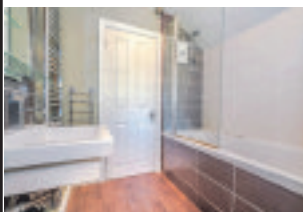
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EPC: E

BEECHWOOD AVENUE, WEDNESFIELD

- . Semi-Detached House
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- . Kitchen
- . Conservatory
- . UPVC DG, GCH

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EPC: D

WOODBIDGE CLOSE, SHELFIELD

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- ◆ Two reception rooms
- ◆ In need or refurbishment
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Part double glazing
- ◆ EPC rating E (39)

GUIDE PRICE £70,000+

LOT 6

159 STAFFORD ROAD, CANNOCK, WS11 4AL

FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

- ◆ Good size inner terraced house
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LOT 11

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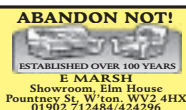
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McAuley bags kick-off role at tournament

WEDNESBURY Cricket Club swapped stumps for goalposts to help a new Black Country football tournament get up and running.

SPORTING FEATURE

By Lewis Cox

The Fourbury Mini Soccer Tournament – named after co-organisers Four Oaks Football Club and Wednesbury Cricket Club – attracted more than 300 youngsters from all over the region with Albion star Gareth McAuley kicking off proceedings.

After taking on the lease at Wood Green Road as the former sports union disbanded, Wednesbury have been keen to attract more grassroots sports action.

And Wednesbury CC chairman Craig Cartwright declared the event a huge success.

“For the first one we’ve hosted it was absolutely more successful than we could’ve hoped,” he said. “You learn from your first events and tweak things for the future but we’re already planning for more events.”

Weather

“It was brilliant that the facility was being used and everyone was enjoying themselves. We want to thank the council for helping us, including Elaine Costigan and Peter Hughes who have been great.”

“We want it used by as many people as possible. The weather definitely helped the event but I think everybody would’ve turned up to play in the rain.”

Around 40 teams competed across the under-six and under-seven age groups and Four Oaks, based in Sutton Coldfield and with more than half of their 21 teams featuring in the Walsall League, hailed their host’s input.

“A venue like this is very much lacking in Sutton Coldfield and we were very pleased with the spread of teams. It shows the draw that football has,” said Scott Ratcliffe, chairman of Four Oaks. “You had Black

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Country teams and teams from as far afield as Northfield and also Atherstone. I think the success has been very good and it will spur us on into next year to see how we can improve and grow it.”

The chairman reserved praise for the standard of the Walsall League, which carries teams from under-seven through to under-18s.

He added “We’ve fielded 12 teams in the Walsall League and I would say that the organisation and competitiveness has been absolutely A1. I think the league have to get a pat on the back for everything.”

“They’ve made it not just enjoyable, but easy for people to manage teams, turn up and play football. They’ve chosen great venues and have done a fantastic job.”

Solihull’s Olton Ravens won a 3-2 thriller against Cannock side FC Newlands in the under-sevens, while Newlands took home the under-six title, beating Oldbury outfit Brandhall Colts in the final.

Albion ace McAuley, whose seven-year-old son Bobby plays for Four Oaks in the Walsall League, joined hundred of parents and families cheering from the sidelines. He said: “When I was starting out it was only the school team and then county team. A lot of grassroots was missed out.”



Bustleholme in yellow take on FC Premier from Great Barr



Harrison Boswell, with Thomas Birch, gets his boot signed



FC Premier shoot against West Bromwich side Bustleholme

Fundraisers saddle up to help hospice

AROUND a dozen people are saddling up to raise money for Mary Stevens Hospice in Stourbridge next week. Cyclists from across the country will converge on Wolverhampton, for the start of a one-day, 106-mile charity ride from the city out to Aberdovey, Wales.

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the annual at the annual Aberdovey Cycling Challenge and the number taking part on behalf of the hospice is the biggest representation the charity has ever had.

As well as the popular one-day event next Friday (June 16), there is also a four-day challenge, beginning on Tuesday (13) which takes cyclists on a route covering more than 400 miles from Wolverhampton to Aberdovey, via Snowdonia. The hospice will have a team representing them in this challenge, who go under the collective name of Team Fablass 5.

Charlotte Schofield, head of fundraising at Mary Stevens Hospice, said: “We’re so grateful to our supporters for dedicating so much time and effort to help support us through this event.”

“I want to pay special mention to the team taking on the four-day challenge. We’re so privileged that they would choose to do something like this for us.”

Boxer Paz to address fans at sports bar

BOXING fans can meet legend of the sport Vinny Paz in Cannock later this month.

Formerly known as Vinny Pazienza, the five-time lightweight and middleweight champion of the world is the inspiration for the 2016 hit film Bleed For This, which is based on his comeback from a spinal injury.

The American fighter, aged 54, appears at Bar Sport’s Premier Suite, in High Green, for an after-dinner speech and question and answer session on Wednesday, June 21.

Tickets start from £45 with VIP packages available. A five-course meal will be served, plus there will be entertainment from a comedian and a memorabilia auction.

‘Paz’ will also be available for photographs with fans.

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He will be the latest in a long line of big name boxers to have appeared at the venue in recent years. Others include Evander Holyfield, Chris Eubank, Sugar Ray Leonard, Roberto Duran, Nigel Benn, Carl Froch, Carl Frampton and Joe Calzaghe.

Frustration as injury rules Woakes out

GREAT Barr’s Chris Woakes has spoken of his frustration after he was ruled out of the Champions Trophy with a side strain.

The 28-year-old Warwickshire all-rounder sustained the injury during his two-over spell in England’s opening eight-wicket win over Bangladesh at The Oval last Thursday.

The England and Wales Cricket Board confirmed the following morning that the key seamer would play no further part in the tournament.

“It’s really frustrating,” said Woakes, who has been replaced by Steven Finn. “It’s a tough one to take, right at the start of a tournament which we have been building up to as a team for a while.”

“I finished two overs but it was probably on the third or fourth ball of the second over that it felt like something had become tight in my side,” Woakes added. “I managed to finish the over but by the last ball I knew that something really wasn’t right. To a certain extent, it felt like someone was sticking a knife in my side.”

Woakes now faces a race against time to be fit for the Test series against South Africa, which begins at Lord’s on July 6.



Whitney is closing in on players

WALSALL boss Jon Whitney says he is closing in on signing a full-back and centre-half – and admitted he was keen on bringing in Jason McCarthy and Eoghan O'Connell.

The 46-year-old boss said two players had verbally agreed to move to the Banks's Stadium and was confident they will be announced some time next week, once they return from their holidays.

He added negotiations with his other targets were also progressing well.

"We are in really late negotiations with a full-back and a centre-half," Whitney said. "We have agreed verbally that they will join us."

"And we are hoping to announce them when these players come back from their holidays. They are players that are still contracted in June."

"We are very hopeful with them and I'm in negotiations with two or three others as well. Talks with those players are also progressing well."

Whitney said he would keep his transfer targets close to his chest with the boss not wanting to name anyone until they have signed on the dotted line.

"I just want to be a bit careful because last year we were gazumped on two or three deals," he continued.

"You have got to be careful because a lot of agents will use you as leverage."

Whitney admitted he was still keen on signing McCarthy and O'Connell but revealed the Saddlers faced competition for their signatures.

The duo both impressed while on loan at the Banks's Stadium last season having joined on a temporary basis from Southampton and Celtic respectively.

"I still want them both," the boss said. "They are both very good players."

Whitney wished goalkeeper Neil Etheridge well after he rejected a new three-year deal to sign for Cardiff City.

Supplier stripped of services as new kit deal is signed

WALSALL have announced a three-year kit deal with Italian supplier Errea – bringing an end to their agreement with Carbrini a year early.

The Carbrini brand – which is owned by JD Sports – proved a major source of frustration for Saddlers fans when it failed to supply the 2016/17 kit in time for the season opener against AFC Wimbledon.

That has led to the Walsall hierarchy exercising their right to end their agreement a year early with Errea set to produce the club's kit and training gear for the next three seasons.

The Italian firm previously produced Saddlers shirts between 1997 and 1999 and currently provides kits to Norwich, MK Dons, as well as Serie A side Parma and the Icelandic national team.

Errea's Fabrizio Taddei said: "To be partnered with such a historic club is always a pleasure."

Walsall secretary Dan Mole said: "We are happy to renew our acquaintance with the brand."

"The kit will be on sale in a matter of days, which is really important to us."

Scorpion ready to sting his opponent

WALSALL'S Shaun Cooper will tackle the durable Ben Mulligan on his second professional contest at the Venue in Dudley tomorrow night (Friday night).

Cooper will go toe-to-toe with the 31-year-old Northern Irishman in his second four-rounder after debuting at the same venue in April.

Cooper is a graduate of Walsall Wood Boxing Club, and has Jon Pegg, who coaches Cunningham and European welterweight champion Sam Eggington, in his corner.

"The Scorpion," just 20, said: "The training is enjoyable and they are improving me every time,

Boxing

step by step for every fight. They push you to your limits and encourage you to go to better, I can't ask for any more than that really."

"I had a tough debut, he kept on coming and brought the best out of me."

"If I get guys keep coming forward like that, it will become the norm for me and I gave him a good run for his money."

The main event will see 'unbeaten 'Ruthless' Rowley Regis fighter Tyler Denny take on Anthony Fox for the British Challenge middleweight

title over eight-rounds. The chief support is a six-round heavyweight clash between Polish giant Krzysztof Kosela and Stockport southpaw Chris Healey.

Dudley's own Les Byfield takes on Russell Midgley in the super featherweight division over four, while Brummie Kane Baker tackles Danny Little over the same distance at welter. Leicester's CJ Challenger completes the line-up over four at super welter.

Tickets, priced at £35 and £50, ringside with waitress service, are still available now by calling 07872 429 921. Or, contact any of the home corner fighters on Facebook.

TEN SNAPPED UP BY WOOD

BOSS Gary Birch has begun his rebuilding job at Walsall Wood by bringing in ten new players – while two of last season's squad have signed on again.

The former Saddlers striker is looking to gain promotion back to the Midland League Premier Division at the first attempt. Wood were relegated to Division One last season after finishing third from bottom behind Brocton and Tividale.

The new recruits, who have largely come from leagues above, will form part of a new-look team which Birch hopes can get them back into the top flight.

Birch took charge at Walsall Wood at the end of the season – just 24 hours after he left the hot-seat at Hednesford Town.

Arrivals

Former Chasetown defender Chris Slater, who made around 600 appearances for the Scholars, leads the list of new arrivals.

Slater is joined by former Chasetown and Stafford Rangers winger Peter Till while Jordan Fitzpatrick, Tony Clarke, and Lloyd Ransome have followed Birch from Hednesford. Midfielder Andy Westwood, defender Jack Farmer and forward Paul Sullivan have all joined from Hinckley AFC.

They have since been joined by Mitchell Tolley from Stafford Rangers and Luke Barlone from Barwell. Drew Aiton and Louie Harris have also committed themselves to Wood with new deals.

The main goal is to achieve promotion but Birch says he has plans for long-term developments.

"We have assessed things very quickly since being here," said Birch.

"We have recruited players with a wealth of experience and hopefully we can go on and gain promotion. The club will announce a couple of more signings next week. Hopefully by then we will have a squad put together that we can take into pre-season."

"It will take a while to achieve it," said Birch. "But we are looking to bounce back straight away."



Walsall Wood manager Gary Birch



Jordan Fitzpatrick has joined from Hednesford



Former Chasetown defender Chris Slater



Paul Sullivan is one of Birch's new recruits

YPF claim honours in derby clash

THE Birmingham League Premier Division derby went the way of West Bromwich Dartmouth, despite an opening Walsall stand of 67.

Skipper James Middleton hit 55 and Danny Cox 30, but Kadeer Ali (3-33) and Shozair Ali (3-36) helped restrict the Walsall tally to 192-8. Abid Ali (51) and Liam Banks (49) helped chip away at the total in reply and Dartmouth recorded a six-wicket victory.

The second XI encounter was a closer affair as Walsall (130-9) won by two runs after dismissing Dartmouth for 128.

Walsall YPF won another derby clash, beating Aldridge by just eight runs in the Staffs Clubs Championship Premier Division.

Batting first after winning the toss, Walsall made 150 in 48.1 overs, William Steadman the pick of the Aldridge bowlers with 3-26 off 10.

But three wickets apiece for Mohammed Zubair and Salim Khan, coupled with two from Rafakat Hussain ensured the hosts fell short. They were bowled out for 142 with five balls left. Nasir Ali Khan top-scored for Aldridge with 44.

Pelsall took the full 20 points from their clash with Rugeley, winning by 97 runs. Hosts Pelsall opted to bat and racked up 274, with Paul Grainger hitting 83 and Paul Timbrell with a five-wicket haul for the visitors.

Todd Henderson removed skipper and opener Adam Le Feaver without scoring and took 3-31 as Rugeley were bowled out for 177.

Bloxwich fell short at Old Wulfs Tettenthall. Jamie Hallam was unbeaten on 51 as the hosts totalled 272-8. After a 66 from Thomas Fellows, Frankie Eden was left stranded on 46 as Bloxwich fell 11 runs short on 261-9.

Rushall (187) lost by six wickets to hosts Penn (188-4).

Hathaway first for club in Bala event

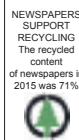
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Dave Hathaway was first home for the club in an excellent 5:10:20, finishing fourth in the M50 category, and in his first ever triathlon, Tom Cowdale came home in a fabulous 5:40.

Gary Hickman finished his first open water swim event in Blenheim, the Sprint Triathlon – a 750m swim, 20km bike and 5km run – in 1:24:44. Ben Monkton did the Deva standard distance triathlon in Chester, a 1500m swim, 40km bike and a 10km run, in 2:16:55.

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